GORDON BROWN has ordered a running audit of the 'fantastically uncertain" cost of the conflict in Kosovo amid fears that it could exhaust the Treasury reserves set aside for emergencies.

Teams of officials from four government departments are working full-time on estimates of the final total and its impact on the public account. Although the Treasury insists that all the scenarios investigated remain within the Government's public spending arithmetic, there are concerns that a prolonged campaign may force a rethink.

Defence analysts say the war has so far cost Britain an extra £50 million on top of the Ministry of Defence's day-today running costs.

Paul Beaver, a spokesman for Jane's Defence, said that the cost was currently running at about £2 million a day. although that would soon rise towards £3 million as more troops and equipment were moved to gion. "They certainly weren't planning on having this long a war and the costs will only

accelerate," he said. Those estimates relate purely to the military action and do not take into account Britain's role in the current humanitarian effort. Government officials concede that if Britain does start to take in large numbers of refugees from the region, the cost to the Exchequer will rocket.

There is £1.2 billion in this year's contingency fund. but as one Treasury official stated, even in peacetime "the reserves have a tendency to be spent". The three-month Gulf War cost Britain £2.35 billion.

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Poison cloud engulfs Belgrade



A Nato raid chemicals plant is

threatening the Serb capital, reports Tom Walker in Belgrade

AN ecological disaster appeared to be unfolding yesterday after Nato deliberately bombed a combined petrochemicals, fertiliser and refinery complex on the banks of the Danube in the northern outskirts of Belgrade.

A series of detonations that shook the whole city early yesterday sent a deeply toxic cloud of smoke and gases hundreds of feet into the night sky. In the opaque dawn the choking cloud could be seen spreading over the entire northern

Among the deadly cocktail of chemicals billowing over hundreds of thousands of homes were the nerve gas phosgene, chlorine and hydrochloric acid. As workers at the industrial complex in Pancevo panicked, they decided to release tons of ether dichloride, a powerful carcinogen, into the Danube, rather than risk seeing it blown up.

At least three missile strikes left large areas of the plant crippled and oil and petrol from the damaged refinery area also coursed into the river, forming slicks up to 12 miles long. Temperatures inside the collapsing plant were said to have risen to over

Nato said that the oil refinery and chemicals complex had been destroyed by a heavy air attack in the early hours of yesterday. Asked about the hazard from chemical smoke, Nato said there was "a lot more smoke coming from burning villages in Kosovo". Belgrade scientists told peo-ple to stay indoors and to avoid any fish caught in the

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A towering cloud of toxic gases looms over Belgrade after warplanes, on the 25th night of the Nato onslaught, hit a petrochemicals plant in the northern outskirts of the city

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would soon be dead. They said the pollution would spread downstream to Romania and algaria and then into the

At least 50 residents of Pancevo were reported suffering from nerve gas poisoning and the Health Ministry was struggling to find gas masks to dis-tribute in the suburb and surrounding areas. In the meantime, residents were told to breathe through scarves soaked in sodium bicarbonate ·as a precaution against showers of nitric acid.

Thirteen hours after the first of the explosions, the Yugoslav Army took journalists to Pancevo just as a thunderstorm hind the flames licking the charcoal sky in almost apoca-

a. ao alicali and an acid — pitric acid. If the wind changes, and if it raiss, so that the gases are converted into fine chemilited and inhaled, the old, the very young and those with chest

ise may suffer.

tried to hold a press conference in the fertiliser plant's headquarters offices, panes of glass and other fixtures loosened by the earlier blasts began falling from the building.

The driving rain and sudden gusts of wind only increased the smoke and brought the toxic gases down from the higher atmospheric levels where they had been considered relatively safe. This plant is 37 years old and this is our worst nightmare," said Miralem Dzindo as the flames reflected off the

£127,000 of aid to Macedo

On the wall was a piece of modern art depicting churches

Marathon.

won the men's event in 2hrs

7mins 57secs.
The thousands of specta-

tors lining the 26.2-mile

internal as that outside. 'The sickness of the minds that did windows in the conference this to us is enormous. By taking away our fertiliser they stop us growing food, and

"The Serbs told us to get out and forced us to leave our

then they try to poison us as

ovic, accused Nato of trying to destroy the whole Yugoslav environment. He said the pollution in the Danube and in the atmosphere over Belgrade "knows no frontiers" and he warned neighbouring coun-

stantly poisoned.

well." He rejected journalists'

questions about chemical

weapons, saying that the plant

Mr Dzindo said a worse di

aster had been only narrowly

avoided: an airstrike three

nights ago had grazed a tank containing 20,000 tons of liq-

uid ammonia. If that had gone

up in flames, he said, much of

Belgrade would have been in-

Against the roar of thunder

and the crackle of the burning oil refinery, the Serbian Ecolo-

gy Minister, Dragoliub Jel-

was strictly non-military.

tries that the poison clouds could soon be with them. Back welfare state, Lilley to tell Tories

By ROLAND WATSON, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

tell the Conservative Party to trying to use free-market economics to run Britain's schools and hospitals.

Mr Lilley, the Tories' deputy leader, will say that the party must turn its back on Thatcherite zeal, and support education and health services as publicly run and publicly funded systems. He will say the party's "Achilles' heel" is that people don't trust the Tories to run public services because they believe the party wants to privatise them.

In a message that will alarm some quarters of the party, Mr Lilley will say: "Conservatives must renew public confidence in our commitment to the welfare state just as Rab Butler the former Cabinet minister did. But we will only do so it we accept that the free market has only a limited role in improving public services like health, education and welfare."

He will insist that the party remains the party of the free recognise the limits of the free market." He will pledge the Tories to funding the NHS with public money, ruling out any large-scale switch to a system of private insurance.

Mr Lilley's address, fully endorsed by Mr Hague, will come when he delivers the Butler memorial lecture to the Coningsby society in London.

Brixton bomber could A record strike again, police warn marathon

By Stewart Tendler and Michael Paterson

POLICE yesterday gave warning that the "vicious and reckless" criminal behind the nail-bomb attack on a South London market could strike again. Senior police and ministers

said that the bomber may have wanted to kill rather than maim his victims, and Scotland Yard has urged com-panies and shops throughout London to ensure that their security cameras are working in anticipation of another attack.

Police were given no warning of the bomb, which was left in a busy market in Brixton on Saturday afternoon, and no-one has claimed responsibility. The Yard has so

motive for the attack. Two of the 40 victims treated in hospital have serious eye injuries. and a 23-month-old boy underwent an operation to remove a four-inch nail from his head. Police, led by Detective In-

spector Maureen Boyle, are studying film from security cameras around the market in Brixton Road and Electric-Avenue for pictures of a blond device in a bag about 5.20pm. The Yard has appealed for more footage from carneras in the area and urged witnesses

to come forward. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, said that the bombing far been unable to suggest a was as "an outrageous act". Kate Hoey, the Home Office minister with responsibility for the police and the Yard, said that police had ruled out Irish terrorists, and she dismissed any links to the war in the Balkans. She said it was possible, though unlikely, that the attack was racially motivated.

Miss Hoey, who is also a ocal MP, added: "We have got to find out who did it. Because someone is prepared to do that on a Saturday afternoon in Brixton, until we find that person, then it really is a very sturbing situation." continued on page 5, col 8

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ry in the women's race, in a course also cheered the first time of 2hrs 23mins 22secs, couple to get married during came on a day when a record the race Mike Gambrill, 46 31,582 runners started the and Barbara Cole, 43, began 19th annual race, raising an the event dressed in their estimated El5 million for charity. Abdelkader El Mou-aziz, aged 30, of Morocco. wedding clothes before stopping for the ceremony.

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Arms row will kill peace deal, warns Adams

By MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

GERRY ADAMS gave a warn- and Irish Governments did ing yesterday that, if London and Dublin insisted on IRA disarmament before admitting Sinn Fein to an executive, the Good Friday peace accord was "dead".

Mr Adams's warning, his bleakest vet, came on the eve of today's crucial talks at Downing Street. Government sources said that, unless Sinn Fein and the Unionists displayed flexibility on decommissioning, "parking" the accord over the summer would become a "very real option".

Such a move could also involve suspending key provisions, such as prisoner releases and the salaries of Northern Ireland's new assembly.

As the crisis deepened, Mr Adams. Sinn Fein's president. told state television in Dublin that the accord was in "freefall" and that failure to establish the executive would be a

not reject Unionist demands for IRA decommissioning "then the agreement is dead".

Government sources acknowledged the perils of suspending the accord until the autumn. It could easily be wrecked by a summer of damaging election results, contentious marches and acts of violence. But unless the decommissioning issue is resolved by the end of the month, there will be little choice because the alternatives are even worse.

One would involve Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary. triggering the mechanism for establishing an executive that included Sinn Fein. Without some IRA disarmament, the Unionists would walk away and David Trimble would probably re-sign as First Minister.

The other would involve Sinn Fein's exclusion from the

Trimble may meet the Pope

DAVID TRIMBLE. Northern Ireland's First Minister, may become the first Ulster Unionist Party leader to meet the Pope (Martin Fletcher writes). The move would enhance his reputation as a statesman, but enrage many fellow Orangemen

If the demands of the peace process permit, he intends to accept an invitation from Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet President, to a two-day seminar for Nobel Peace laureates in Rome that would include a reception in the Vatican on Wednesday.

"I wouldn't be the first Orangeman to meet a Pope." Mr Trimble said yesterday, but such a meeting would anger many members of the Protestant organisation. One of the Orange Order's rules is

that "you should not counte-

nance by your presence or

otherwise any act or ceremo-

ny of popish worship". Some hardliners sought to discipline Mr Trimble and Dennis Rogan, the UUP's chairman, after they attended a funeral Mass in Buncrana, Co Donegal, for three victims of last August's Omagh bomb. In September 1997 Mr Trimble broke another taboo by meeting Archbishop Sean Brady, leader of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland.

Politically. Wednesday's meeting with the Pope would help Mr Trimble by demonstrating his willingness to reach out at a time when Unionists and Sinn Fein are both determined that the other should be blamed for the peace process deadlock.

alist Social Democratic and Labour Party would never agree to that, and to do so would virtually invite the IRA to break its ceasefire.

Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern, the Irish Prime Minister, will hold separate meet-ings with Mr Trimble's Ulster Unionist Party, the SDLP and Sinn Fein at No 10 this after-

Sinn Fein has rejected the Prime Ministers' April 1 Hillsborough declaration. which sought to remove all connotations of surrender from the act of decommissioning. The two men will make no further proposals, but will be waiting to hear whether the parties offer any new ideas of their own or display any will-ingness to move beyond their entrenched positions.

Tomorrow will be fairly crucial. It will be a major step down the road of assessing where the parties are," said one senior official. "If all they do is reiterate that the other has to move first, [suspension] becomes a very real option."

A decision on whether, and how, to "park" the process would have to be taken by late April. "Nobody is under any illusion that it's an easy option . . . To some extent we lose control of events," the official

The Rev Ian Paisley is plan-ning to turn June's European elections into a second referendum on the accord and polls suggest a majority of Unionists would now vote against. The Orange Order's annual July 4 Drumcree parade will further inflame the Province and halting prisoner releases would enrage the IRA.

But the official insisted the peace process could survive. There was "a history of it being 'parked' at various stages and surviving. Inevitably, as we go further forward, the stakes become higher, but I think it's inevitable we will come back because no one has a viable alternative and every-one wishes to make it work."



General Pinochet, left, greets General Ricardo Izurieda at Wentworth yesterday

Pinochet vows to fight 'sham' extradition

THE former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet pledged yesterday to fight Jack Straws decision to allow extradition proceedings against him to go ahead.

Describing the legal process a sham, General Pinochet said: "I will fight against this extradition with every ounce of my strength.

"I am innocent of the charges that I have been accused of and, in my capacity as a sol-

dier of Chile and former president, I will fight to defend my honour and integrity and that of my country." The Home Secretary an-

nounced on Thursday that he would allow extradition proceedings against the 83-yearold general, who is wanted in Spain on charges of torture and conspiracy to torture. General Pinochet, who has

been under effective house arrest in Wentworth, Surrey, since October, told The Sunday Telegraph: "I am prepared for a long battle, even if ikes two years. This process is a sham that makes mockery of the British justice system."

Ricardo Izurieda, the chief of the Chilean Armed Forces, flew into London on Saturday to meet the general. A spokesman for the Chilean Embassy said: "The purpose of his visit is to meet General Pinochet and I expect he will express his

General Pinochet was arrest-

ed in London on October 16 on a Spanish warrant alleging human rights abuses during

The House of Lords ruled last month that he had no immunity from prosecution for crimes that are alleged to have been committed after December 1988, when the International Convention on Torture came into force in Britain.

The case returned last week to the Bow Street Magistrates' Court, but was adjourned until April 30 so that the general's legal team could study Mr Straw's decision to issue the Authority to Proceed.

The general's lawyers are considering whether to make a fresh application for a writ of habeas corpus, and are expected to seek a judicial review of Mr Straw's decision in the High Court. A hearing to seek leave is likely to be held at the end of this month or the beginning of the next. A full hearing may be held in June.

NEWS IN BRIEF

NHS 'discriminates against pensioners'

Ageism is rife in the National Health Service, with one pensioner in 20 refused treatment because they are over 65, according to a survey published today (Ian Murray writes). The Gallup poll for the charity Age Concern also found that almost two million people — one in ten — feel they were treat

almost two million people — one in ten — text they were freated differently after they passed their 50th birthday.

The survey of almost 1.600 people over 50 found that many thought GPs were the main cause of their problems. Age Concern found one practice in Oxfordshire where no new Concern toung one practice in Oxforushire where no new patients over 65 were taken on to its list. A study of eight North London practices found that GPs were less likely to investigate angina among those over 75. "I was turned away for being over 65." one pensioner said. Another said: "You tend to be fobbed off and told that it's just your age."

Older people feel that they are not getting the care they need because money is short. "I was refused treatment because the money would be better spent on someone younger," one patient said. "It was a new treatment for cancer." Sally Greengross, director general of Age Concern, said the "don't care, won't care" attitude experienced by so many

older people caused huge emotional and physical pain.
The new NHS Bill, which goes before Parliament today, does not contain a clause outlawing age discrimination and the charity is calling for an audit of discriminatory practices as a first step towards improving standards.

Disputes culture grows

An American-style compensation culture is taking over in Britain which may be costing nearly £7 billion a year in payouts and legal fees (Frances Gibb writes). A report by the Centre for Policy Studies says that more people are turning to the law to resolve disputes with huge cash consequences.

Reforms to the way civil disputes are settled in the courts, which take effect next Monday, will exacerbate the problem because more people will have access to the courts, it argues. Frank Furedi, a reader in sociology at Kent University and the report's author, estimates that on the lowest likely figures the public sector spends about £1.8 billion on compension payments and the private sector about £1.2 billion.

BBC admits mistake

The BBC has finally admitted that moving the Radio 4 programme Yesterday in Parliament to longwave and The Week in Westminster from its Saturday morning slot were mistakes. In an open letter to MPs, Sir Christopher Bland. the BBC chairman, admits that the loss of listeners had been much greater than expected.

"Whatever the causes of that loss, there is an unacceptable democratic deficit, which the BBC, with its special public service responsibilities, needs to address." Sir Christopher wrote in a letter published in House Magazine. Listening figures for the first nine months since the moves show that the two programme have lost three million regular listeners.

Minister in school row

Patricia Hewitt, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, was accused of using her government post to secure her son, II. a place at a top secondary school in preference to alternatives closer to her home. Parents living near William Ellis school in Highgate, North London, have been angered by the deci-sion. Ms Hewitt lives almost a mile and a half away in Camden, outside the school's usual catchment area.

The Tories said it was an example of the Government exercising choice in school selection while denying the same choice to other parents. Damian Green, Tory education spokesman, said: "It seems that, under Labour, only those who can pull the right strings now enjoy parental choice."

Couch potatoes in spin

A device designed to get chubby children off the sofa and doing exercise while still watching television is being pioneered in the US. An obesity researcher who came up with the "TVcycle" says early tests have helped youngsters to shed fat and reduce the hours they spend in front of the television. The sets were rewired to work only while the viewer was pedalling an attached bicycle while computers measure how long the televisions were on. The TVeycle is not, at present, on the market.

A British report has meanwhile found that a lack of exercise means obesity is reaching epidemic proportions. If present trends continue, the report says a quarter of the population will be classified as obese by 2010.

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Teachers call for Woodhead inquiry

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ATTEMPTS by David Blunkett to put an end to damaging speculation about the future of Chris Woodhead appeared to have failed yesterday when teachers' leaders called for a criminal investigation into the Government's beleaguered Chief Inspector of Schools.

David Hart, the general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said that the Director of Public Prosecutions should investigate whether Mr Woodhead had lied under oath about an affair that he was alleged to have had with a sixth-former more than 20 years ago. He added that the police should examine sworn statements given to Mr Blunkett, the Education Secretary, by Mr Woodhead and his former lover, Amanda Johnston, saying that their affair began after they had left Gordano School, near

Bristol. "My members do not believe there has been a proper investigation into whether Chris Woodhead has lied in public and in a sworn affidavid to save his job," Mr Hart

Mr Blunkett said last week that the claims ranged against Mr Woodhead were unsubstantiated and did not call into question his suitability for the job. but Mr Hart said that he intended to pursue the matter and would recommend such a course of action to his executive on Thursday.

Officials at the Department of Education yesterday refused to comment.

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world-class athletes to amateurs and fun-runners in fancy-dress

whose only ambition was to cross the finishing line, set off on the 26.2 By 5pm more than 30,000 had done so, beating the record for finishers set last year at 29,924. A

handful of stragglers continued their exertions into the evening. Later a spokeswoman for the race committee said unofficial figures showed the last runner had been recorded crossing the finishing line tonight with a time of eight hours, 56 minutes and 59 seconds.

- a record number - took part in

yesterday's race ranging from

mile course.

She said the figures showed 30,750 people had been recorded as

the elite men and the mass start. outside the Olympics.





Joyce Chepchumba salutes her big-money victory in yesterday's London marathon although her fellow Kenyan Tegla Loroupe, right, recorded a considerably faster time over the same distance on the same day in Rotterdam

Winning woman nets \$350,000 purse

JUST who is the fastest female marathon runner on earth? The battle really begins after the exhausted athletes have passed through the

finishing post. The Kenyan runner Joyce Chep-humba earned \$350,000 (£233.000) after winning the Flora London Marathon yesterday in what the organisers deemed a world record - yet she did not even run the fastest marathon by a Kenyan woman on the day, or even the fastest by a woman on the London course. Her time was also three minutes slower than that posted by

a Kenyan rival last year. Chepchumba won a \$125,000 (£83,000) bonus for breaking the London marathon world record because the race organisers do not recmixed races. According to the London marathon, a woman running among men is unfairly advantaged, or male-assisted; the chief offence being to run in between a group of men and get dragged

along in their slipstream.

Kenyan claims record prize with time rated as only 13th fastest race, report David Powell and Adam Sherwin

minutes and 22 seconds, ranked as only the 13th best for a woman on the all-time lists kept by the sport's statisticians. But the London organisers have refused to acknowledge the time

which all other marathons regard as world records: the 2hr 20min 47sec which Tegla Loroupe, Chepchumba's fellow Kenyan, ran in Rotterdam last year. London marathon organisers be-

lieve that Loroupe's world mark was contrived because it was achieved in a mixed race and they say it should not be allowed. Given that the leading international men run marathons almost 20 minutes faster than the opposite sex, male pacemakers can assist them to fast times in various ways, such as by shielding them from the wind.

To add to the confusion, Loroupe

yesterday and finished in 2:22.48, a faster time than Chepchumba's

big-carning win. Tim Hutchings, the London race administrator, said that the Rotterdam marathon offered unfair advantage. "Tegla was even being given encouragement by los Hermens (the race director) on a motorcycle riding behind her," fur Hutchings said. "If we are going to say any-thing stands, we could cut the floor out of a double decker bus, and let them run 26 miles inside that, while passing them drinks and

mopping their brows."
To earn her \$125,000 record-breaking bonus, Chepchumba was merely-set the task of beating the the 2:23.24 recorded by Lidia Simon, of Romania, in Osaka in January. She beat this target by just one

HOW THEY LINE UP

Age: 28

Height 1.63 metres

Marathon yesterday.

Tegla Loroupe (Kenya) Age: 25

Height 1.53 metres Form: Set world record 2hr 2hain 06 in Rotterdam Mara-

thon. April 1998, to become the first African woman to set a world record in Olympic event. Marital status: single.

London marathon erased its previ-

ous own course record - Ingrid

Kristiansen's 2:21.06 in London in

1985 - because at that time, the Lon-

don race set female and male run-

ners off at the same time in a mixed

Simon's time as the fastest on the

chumba said that she considered her performance yesterday superior to Loroupe's 2:20.47, a view supported by Manuela Machado, the European champion and former world champion, from Portugal.

Joyce Chepchumba (Kenya)

Form: Won the Chicago Mara-

thon last October and achieved

her second victory in the London

Marital status married with

Furthermore, London officials discounted the fastest time from a women-only race, the 2-21-46 recorded by Naoko Takahashi from Jabut they also handed her drinks, so I value her time better than Tegpan, because it was run on a pointto-point course, where wind assistance can be an advantage. That left

picking up some \$350,000 dollars for her morning's work, Chepchum-

one son, aged seven. Joyce's time is more important," Machado, who finished third, said. "When Tegla ran in Rotterdam, she not only had two male pacemakers,

One statistic is clear, though. In

ance fee, a \$125,000 world record bonus, \$55,000 (£36,000) winner's purse, a \$25,000 (£16,000) bonus for breaking 2:24, and a \$25,000 course record bonus. The International Amateur Athletic Federation, the world governing body, has gone some way to-wards approving the unilateral step taken by London. Its cross

ba earned more from one mara-

thon than any woman before her.

She collected, on top of her appear-

country and road running committee has passed a recommendation. endorsed by the women's and technical departments but yet to be approved by its ruling congress, that in mixed marathon races, the

should be separated by 30 minutes. In that way, men would be unable to pace women. "Men are not allowed to pace women on the track and there is no reason why it should be any different for road running," Alan Storey, the London marathon general man-ager, said. This issue was brought

men's and women's start times

having finished, a record number. A series of staggered starts saw the elite women begin at 9am, followed by the wheelchair athletes 15 minutes later and then at 9.30am

The London Marathon is the world's richest, with a turnover of nearly 5 million, and the competito a head by Tegla's performance tive field is regarded as the finest last year." A total of 31,562 runners

When Chepchumba pulled away to win, her time of two hours, 23 was running again in Rotterdam list used by London officials. Chep-Million-pound man's alcohol lunch turned into 6-hour epic

By JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

A SEMI-RETIRED business executive raised a world record El,126,560 for charity yesterday by completing the

marathon John Spurling, 59, was challenged to take part in yesterday's race by two friends at the end of what he described as "an extremely alcoholic" lunch at Langan's Brasserie in the

West End last July. He agreed that it would be worth the effort only if a substantial sum could be raised and both the Lord's Taveners and the Animal Health Trust used their contacts to help him secure the pledges.

Mr Spurling, whose sporting experience in the past 40 years had previously been limited to the occasional round of golf, finished the 26-mile 385 yards in five hours and 56 minutes.

The two friends - John Bromley, a media consultant, and Richard Shepherd, the owner of Langan's, were at the Spurling said: "I think they

owe me a serious -lunch." Many of his friends and business contacts thought he was crazy. John Major, the former Prime Minister, told him that he had 'lost his marbles" and Sir Denis Thatcher asked: "When's the memorial

Mr Spurling, who had re-ceived training tips from Se-bastian Coe, the former Olympic champion, and Lee Saxby. a fitness adviser, said one depressing moment was when he was told by a youngster at two miles: "Hurry up, you've

got a long way to go."

He said that the first half was relatively easy. Then along The Highway you saw people coming back on the other side where you were run-ning and it came home to you that you had to go right round

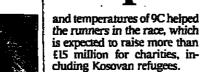
the Isle of Dogs. "I went very much slower in the second half after doing. about two hours 15 minutes for the first 13 miles. The atmosphere was terrific with all the steel and pipe bands and, al-



Spurling: took challenge

at "very alcoholic lunch" though I started walking at about 16 miles, I just kept at it.
"I do not regret doing it, but
I will never ever do it again."

The former England fottballer John Barnes, the former Olympic track athlete David Hemery and the BBC television sports presenter Helen Rollason, who has cancer, were among those who sent the runners and wheelchair athletes on their way.
Light winds, a dry course



cluding Kosovan refugees. Among yesterday's celebrity runners was the former European boxing champion Spen-cer Oliver, who had to give up his fight career last year after

nearly being killed in a bout. The fancy dress element, which included many of the charity fundraisers, also included two 8ft pirates, five trees, a Lord Nelson, several rhinos and one competitor sitting on a lavatory. The oldest runner was the American Abraham Weintraub, 89. who finished in six hours 31 minutes

and 36 seconds. Most tunners had left the course by 4.30pm, when the St ohn Ambulance reported that it had treated a total of 4.115 runners. Of that figure, 26 had

been taken to hospital. The winner of the men's wheelchair race was the Swiss Heinz Frei, 40, who also won last year's event. Monica Wetterstrom, of Sweden, won the women's wheelchair race.





The new Mr and Mrs Gambrill get back on the route

Running couple get hitched on the hoof

BY OUR SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THE London Marathon yesterday celebrated the first wedding in its 19 year history when Mike Gambrill, 46, and Barbara Cole. 43, from Croydon, interrupted their run to get married two miles from the

The couple, who were driven to the start at Blackheath dressed in specially made wedding clothes which allowed them to run easily, jogged the first part of the race before stopping for the ceremony at Charlton House.

start.

They were congratulated by 100 guests before rejoining the race, posing every few hundred metres in their wedding outlits for spectators to take photographs. Asked just

heir wedding night would

he a little subdued, Mr ambrill, wearing a ightweight top hat and ils, laughed and replied: No, we are triathletes and ve do things in threes." The couple, who between hem have completed more ian 100 marathons, inished together, arm in rm, in 5 hourr 22 minutes and then went off to celebrate at two parties. They have already had a oneymoon in Sri Lanka nd returned on Thursday prepare for the race. Mr Gambrill said: "We met through running, got gagaged when we were unning and so we decided get married while we

ere running."



Explosion tests hard-earned social harmony

"WHY US? Why Brixton?" asked Mensah, a black pensioner, as he scoured the frontpage reports of Saturday's explosion outside a supermarket just behind Electric Avenue.

It was not the first time that the South London neighbourhood had hit the headlines but Brixton's residents were bewildered as to why they had become the target for an act of ter-

For years the area has been synonymous with urban decay, crime and the racial tensions that erupted into rioting in the early 1980s. But residents say that things have changed, with blacks and whites now living and working together peacefully, new businesses flocking to the area and harmonious relations with the police built up tortuously after years of mistrust. Channel 4 has just begun a a

Neighbours

become suspects as multicultural community seeks answers, reports

Adam Sherwin

tric Avenue, celebrating the characters who populate the area where the bomb went off. "The tragedy is that we could all be back to square one," said Helena, a waitress at the Lido restaurant. "This place has really sorted itself out. Black, white, rich and poor all live together. This attack might be a response to the

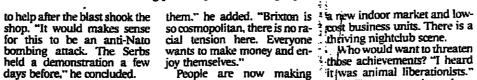
Stephen Lawrence inquiry,

and I hope that there is no retaliation and people hold on to a sense of reality.

Theories as to who had carried out the attack were as diverse as the nationalities that make up Brixton. The first Caribbean emigrants settled there after the war, and approximately 110 languages are now spoken in the area, with Yoruba and Portuguese the most widely used after English.

It has become home to refugees from war-ravaged countries such as Vietnam, Somalia and Azerbaijan. The traders on Electric Avenue include halal butchers, the Salon de Love Afro-European hair and beauty centre and the El Shaddai cash and carry. There is a small Serb popula-

tion, leading to the suspicions raised by Dennis Reynolds, a stylist at Twin Barbers on Coldharbour Lane, who went



People are now making money in Brixton Public and

said Tony, a trader whose

thriving nightclub scene. who would want to threaten those achievements? "I heard it was animal liberationists."

plosion. "I reckon it was the Iraqis." said Fred McLarnon, an Irishman.

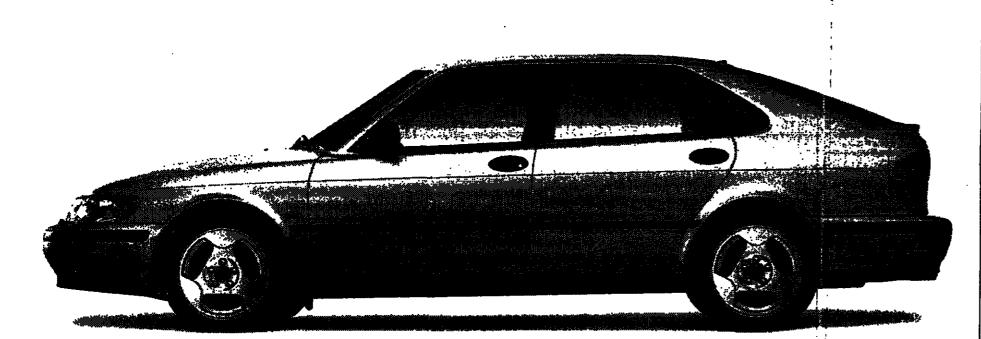
As the residents search for answers, there is a new sense of unease on the streets. Religion plays a large part in the lives of the Afro-Caribbean community, and many went to church yesterday to seek consoapocalyptic. Mr Reynolds said. The sky went black with thunderclouds and smoke. It looked like the end of the



The black community does brother was injured in the exnot think it was aimed at private investment has created







Scotland Yard rules out Irish terrorism link By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent LONDON'S first serious missed the possibility of a Ser-

bomb attack for three years left Scotland Yard detectives yesterday with a list of suspects ranging from Serb guer-rillas to neo-Nazis and a lone psychopath.

Detectives cannot even be

sure that the nail bomb attack on the Brixton market in South London was the target. The bomber could have got cold feet or feared the crude device was faulty and dumped it before the bomber reached his destination.

On Saturday night first suspicions focused on Irish terrorists. The last bombings in London were carried out by the IRA during its 1996 campaign which began with the South Quay attack. The IRA has made nail

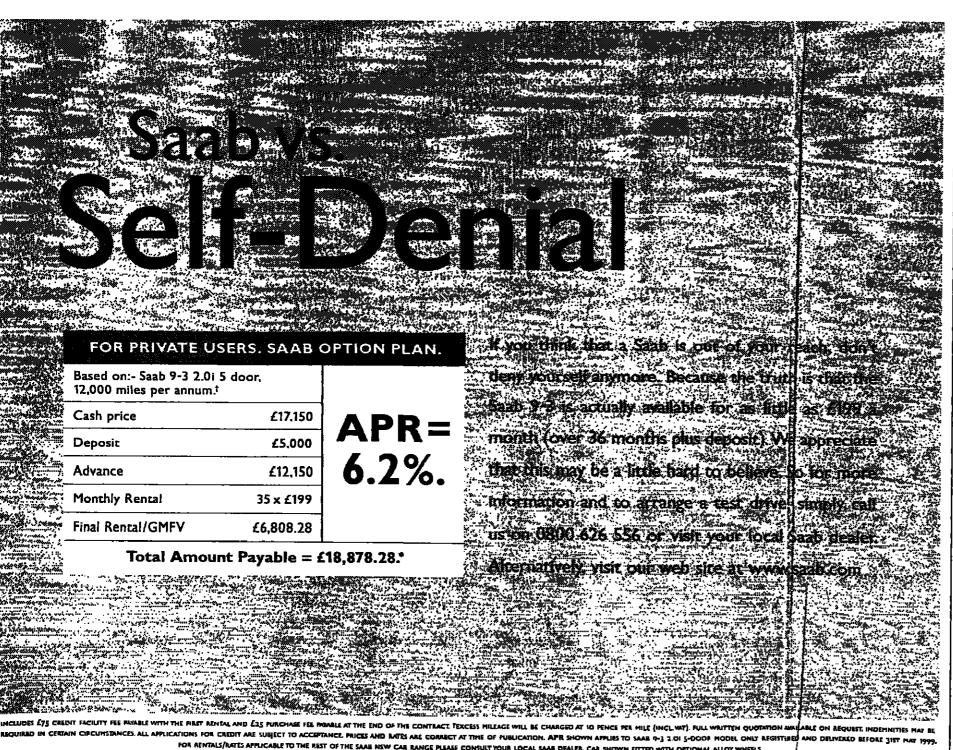
bomb attacks on the mainland against Chelsea Barracks in 1981 and a cavalry when a car bomb packed with nails exploded and killed four. But police and ministers ruled out Irish terrorist squads or any other known terrorist organisations. Kate Hoey, the Home Office minister responsible for the Yard. said intelligence and forensic work had ruled out Irish terrorism. Ministers also disbian attack. Douglas Henderson, the Armed Forces Minister, said he had no evidence of a terrorist cell in Britain and M15 and Special Branch assessments have never identified any Serb threat in Brit-

London has also been the scene of Middle Eastern terrorist attacks and Saturday marked the Islamic new year. Yet a market in Brixton would hardly be a suitable target for fundamentalists.

Lee Jaspers, a leading black politician, raised the possibility of a race attack in a traditionally black area. He pointed to a possible back-lash after the Stephen Law-rence report. Most race attacks have been targeted at public figures. The most violent group is Combat 18 which has links to neo-Nazi

The Brixton area is also the scene of bloody turf wars between drugs gangs including the Yardies. So far, however. the gangs have only resorted

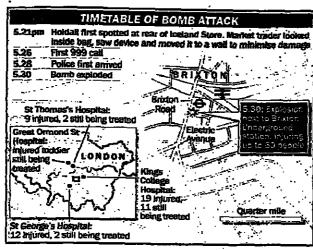
An attacker such as the Mardi Gra bomber is also a possibility — or a lone bomber fuelled by unknown mo-





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Nail pierces brain of two-year-old boy



A shopper's finger was torn off and two people may lose their sight, reports Michael Paterson

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A BOY aged 23 months was recovering last night after surgeons removed a 4in nail from his head. Two victims may have been permanently blind-

ed and a man lost a finger.

Nearly 50 people were injured, mostly by flying nails and shards of glass and 39 of them, including four police officers, needed treatment at three hospitals. Scotland Yard said that 16 people, including the baby and a girl aged 15, remained in hospital last night. The police officers were

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discharged. Surgeons at the Great Or-mond Street Hospital for Children spent 1% hours removing

the nail from the boy's head after nearly an inch of it had lodged in his brain. A hospital spokeswoman said: The doctors are hopeful that the child will make a full and complete re-covery but obvious-

ly it is early stages at the moment. They do not think he has suffered brain damage but he is being kept under 24-hour ob-

servation." The boy, who has not been named, was transferred from St Thomas's Hospital to the neurosurgery ward at Great Ormond Street. where he underwent a brain scan to determine the extent of his injuries.

He was expected to remain in hospital and his mother and father were at his bedside.

The spokeswoman said: "He has made fantastic about breakfast time and wanted to eat breakfast. Only a child can bounce back like that

She said that the boy's family were very distressed and did not want to be identified

nor to talk about the incident. The two people whose sight is in danger had surgery at King's College Hospital in Camberwell, South London. No details about them were

The market customer who lost his finger was Wayne Pegus, 55, from Peckham, South London, who was shopping

Mr Pegus was 20tt from the centre of the blast when his left little finger was torn off and a 3kin nail was embedded in his back. The remains of his finger were amputated overnight

Mr Pegus, a divorced father of six, said: "I was just standing, talking to a friend, and all of a sudden I heard this great bang and I looked at my hand

and my finger had thought it was

magic.
"Then, when I realised it had not come back, I realised that something had happened. My finger was hanging "It was shred-

lop". He said: "There wer white people there as well.

motive. It could have been any

body who was hurt. Unfortunately, it was me and the other

people who are in hospital

Nine patients remain at Kings, four seriously injured in the face, spine or vital or-gans, or a combination of the

three. The five others suffered have a mixture of flesh

wounds, caused by flying rails and glass, and fractures caused by being knocked down by the force of the blast.

St Thomas's and St

George's hospitals are treating

Sister Karen Swinson, 27

who was in charge of the acci-

dent and emergency unit at

King's, said that up to 100 staff at the hospital were dealing

with the aftermath of the explo-

es, heads, legs and arms. There were pieces of glass-

There were some very nasty in-

Some of the wounded arriv

ing at King's had nails stick-

ing out of them in at least three

places, a hospital spokesman

Michael Hudson, 35, who was 30 yards from the blast, sat in the sun outside the hospital yesterday drawing on a cigarette. He said that he did not want to speak at length about the traumatic events, but added: "One minute there was a bang. The next i'm lying flat and being covered up in a blan-

"Now I'm going to be on crutches for several days." He had a nail removed from his

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"We removed nails from fac-

two patients each.

juries," she said.

"I don't think there's a racial

ded. I was really shaken and bleedby magic? ing. It was terri-ble." Mr Pegus was helped away by police officers and band-aged at the scene by paramed-ics before being taken to the hospital. "I saw people lying

> "I was just shocked when I saw my hand, and my finger had gone. I was bleeding all over my body and I felt a lot of pain. I saw all this blood pouring from my back and my fin-Pegus needed stitches to the wound in his back and was

on the ground screaming and bleeding. It was just chaos." he

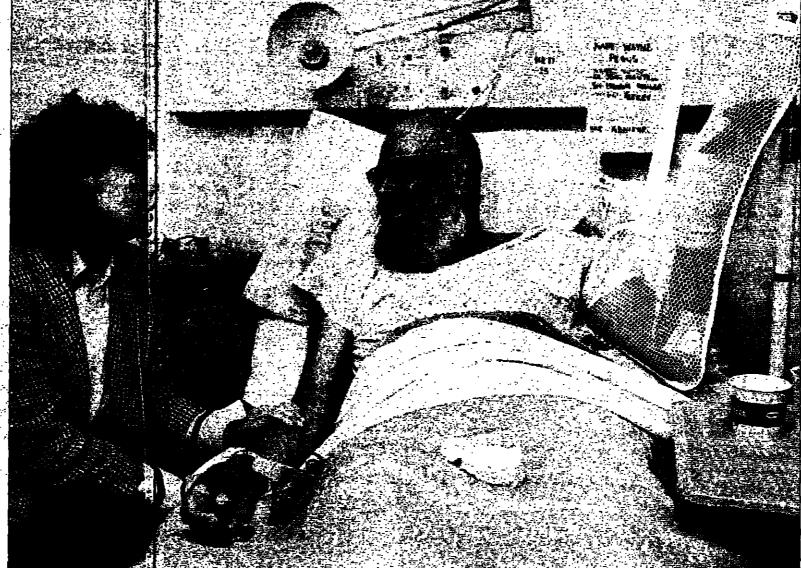
treated for cuts on both legs. He said: "I feel disgust about this whole thing. How could they do such a horrendous thing?"

He dismissed suggestions that the bombing may have heen carried out by a racist far-right group as "codswal-



Near miss: Mark Murphy's shoe was pierced by a nail

Interest rate variation



Wayne Pegus recovering from wounds to his back and hand. He had to have the remains of the little finger on his left hand amputated

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Bomber 'may strike again'

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Police have also ruled out any suggestion that the bomb was

aimed at a particular shop. The bomb has been described as crudely made and about the size of a sandwich box. Detectives said that it was not made with high explosive. which means the ingredients could have been home-made or taken from ammunition. The blast, however, was strong enough to blow a car

Nail bombs have been widely used by terrorist groups and details for their manufacture appear on the Internet. There are also reports that the bag in which the bomb was left may have been stolen by a passer by minutes before the blast. The bag would be a vital piece of evidence if detectives found it.

Dennis Costello, who runs a produce stall in Electric Avenue, said that a bag had been left next to his stall, and that a 15-year-old stall worker had moved it, not realising what

was inside. Another market trader. George Jones, said that he also moved the bag seconds before it went off, in an attempt to pro-

tect shoppers.
"A holdall was handed to me by someone who said, Somebody's forgotten their shopping.' I unzipped it and opened it wide and I could see what it was," he said.

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Night watch ends in Monet sunrise

Dalya Alberge joins the crowds who shrugged off sleep to enjoy Britain's first 24-hour art show

HORDES of visitors descended on the Royal Academy of Arts in the early hours yesterday for their last chance to catch a Monet sunrise.

The first 24-hour exhibition in Britain enabled thousands of people, who could not get tickets during normal hours. to see Monet in the 20th Century before it closed yesterday.

The country's most successful art exhibition, which has attracted an average of 8.300 visitors a day, opened on its last weekend from 8am Saturday until 6pm yesterday. Be-tween midnight and 7am, the crowds poured in.

Young and old were there. some in prams and wheelchairs, others recharging their batteries with a short snooze on one of the gallery benches. Some had set their alarms for 2am, 3am, 4am and onwards; others stayed upright by sip-ping coffee or grabbing a ham-burger near by until their booked ticket time.

Advance tickets were sold out but people were prepared to queue for those sold at the door. Richard Parker, an estate agent from London, who braved the cold for 45 minutes at about 3am, said he had promised himself that he would see the show. "It was worth it," he said. "I always believe you can spend too much of your life sleeping."

Every person questioned said that they would do the same it again. Yes, they were tired, but that was nothing against the exhilaration of seeing Monet's shimmering waterlilies and views of London and Venice. If anyone yawned, it had nothing to do with boredom. Simone Pitt, from Eastcote, northwest London, discovered that seeing an exhibition at that time had its benefits: "Because you're short of sleep, your senses are height-ened. It's absorbing in a differ-

"My body is shutting down. so my eyes are taking in more. I'm looking at things with or without my glasses, squinting. It gives a different dimension to what I'm seeing." Dana Salinger, a photography student from Israel, said: "You think differently at night. You have different opinions."

A Belgian man said that his experience had been heightened by the alcohol that he had consumed. "They should have more activities like this. The atmosphere seems more relaxed at night."

Nigel Lingwood, a control-ler with Unigate, brought his wife and three young children at 3am. His nine-year-old son, Alex, particularly wanted to see the show.

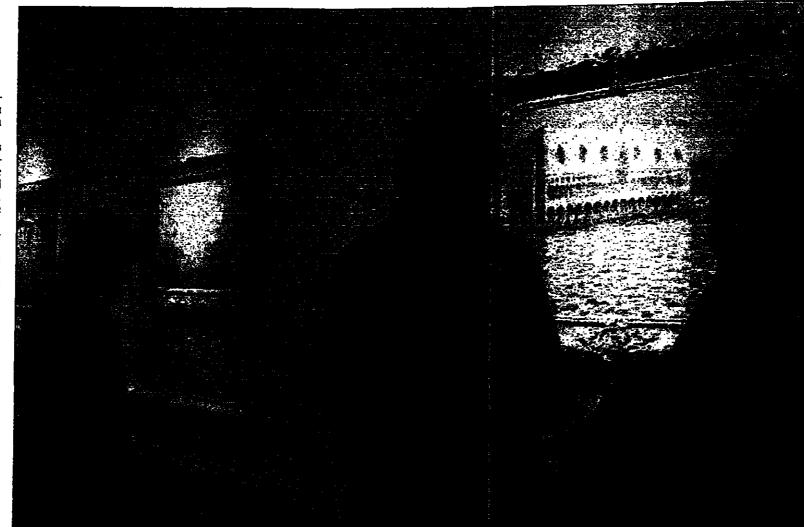
He was not the only young enthusiast. Cato MacLean-Parker, 7, was so keen that he had woken his parents at 3am, an hour earlier than they had set the alarm. His mother, Sheena MacLean, said: "He told us, 'It's time to go.'"
Onlookers gathered around

Cato as he sat cross-legged on the floor, making an extraordinarily mature copy of Monet's Charing Cross Bridge. With a fluffy rabbit clutched under one arm, he silently observed the picture and noted its details in a variety of crayons: a sun subtly emerging from the clouds might have been missed by another child, but Cato caught it.

Enrico Marconi, an Italian composer and conductor who lives in Britain, urged Cato's parents to send him to study painting in Florence and recalled how as a child of that age he had to beg his parents to let him study music.

Claire Drazin, from Burnham, Buckinghamshire, described herself as a "mad mother" who had been so captivated by a daytime visit to the show that she simply had to bring her husband and chil-dren, William, 10, and Sophia, 8. "We set our alarms for 3.30am." she said. For the children it was an adventure, but they came "on the proviso that we have a slap-up breakfast af-

Iris Watts, a retired telephonist from Guildford, brought a cousin from Canada for a 4am viewing. 'We have no regrets. It has convinced us that we're



Dawn visitors at the last day of Monet in the 20th Century yesterday. "Because you're short of sleep, your senses are heightened." said one

not as old as we thought. We' re amazed at how many were prepared to stay up." Catherine and Adrian

Watson travelled from Stroud, Gloucestershire, and Angela Goodman, a medical receptionist, had travelled for 46 hours on a train from Cornwall: "I would do it again, no problem."

Chris White, a student of international politics, and Kim Wilkes, a nurse, came down from Nottingham and kept themselves going until their 2am admission slot by "drinking coffee and eating chocolate cake". They were catching a train back straight afterwards.

Exhaustion was taking its toll as time rolled on, but nobody was prepared to give in. At 4am. Vanesa Tate and Aya Yokomichi, students from the Royal Academy of Music,

wished that they were "more awake". They rested on a bench after whiling away time in bars, McDonald's restaurants and other venues until entry time.

On the same bench was Elias Kupfermann, who works for local government and was planning to stay for four hours; he had queued for 11/2 hours in Piccadilly. "It's quite tiring, but I'd definitely do it again," he said.

Clemmie Burtonhill, an art history student, had survived a night of clubbing in Leicester Square and 45 minutes queueing. She sat momentarily with her head between her knees. Minutes later, she leapt up and was talking about going on to the Kandinsky exhibition in the gallery next door.

Nothing was going to stop

THEY CAME, THEY SAW, THEY SPENT

More than 730,000 people visited Monet in the 20th Century after its opening on January 23. The figure excludes tens of thousands who attended private viewings.

The Royal Academy of Arts drew an average of 8.470 visitors a day, making it the most popular exhibition held in Britain. The daily attendance exceeded even that of The Treasures of Tatankhamun, held at the British Museum in 1972.

The British Museum show drew a total of 1.7 million visitors, but that was over nine months. each day, Tutankhamun

attracted 6,160 people. A Royal Academy spokeswoman said: "We were up to capacity every single hour." The academy's 1990 Monet exhibition attracted 7,003

a day. Box-office income for the latest Monet totalled £3.9 million. The show cost £1.8 million to mount. The final profit is not yet known. Postcard sales reached 650,000, at 50p each. The bestselling was Grand Canal in Venice. The academy's shop sold 135,000 exhibition catalogues. Sixty thousand

introductory version at

were priced at £19.95; an

rest. More than 14,000 people bought a Monet calendarfor 2000, costing £9.95 each. The academy attracted

£5.95 accounted for the

25,000 young people to its schools and educational workshops, and 55.882 of the exhibition visitors were under 18. A further 16,750 visitors had special needs. Other popular

merchandise included computer mousemats and mugs in waterlily designs, each priced at £9.95. But neither leapt off the shelves with quite the vigour of Philippe the Frog. a £9.95 cuddly toy

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man held after killing

A man was arrested yesterday after the killing of a mother of two in Derby. The arrest followed a police appeal for information on the whereabouts of Mark Leicester. 37, who had not been seen since failing to return to Sudbury prison in Ashbourne, Derbyshire, on Thursday night He had been released from Sudbury, where he was serving a life sentence for stabbing a girlfriend to death more than ten years ago, to spend a day working with handicapped children.

The arrested man gave himself up to police in Rhyl. North Wales, on Saturday. The body of Margaret Thompson, 38, a chambermaid, was found at her flat in Derby on Friday.

Glider drama

A birthday treat ended with two men bating out of a glider split in two by lightning near Leighton Buzzard. Peter Goldstraw, an instructor, and Gra-ham Cooper, who had been given a flying lesson for his birthday, parachuted to safety.

Youth charged

A 14-year-old has been charged with the rape of a 49-year-old man, police said. The boy was also accused with indecently assaulting the man's 52-year-old female partner and with burglary. He is to appear at Lowestoft Youth Court today.

Animals dropped

Mary Chipperfield's conviction for animal cruelty has upset Sikh plans to have an elephant and horses in a parade. Organisers of a festival in Birmingham were to hire the animals from the circus family, but cancelled after the case.

Healthy interest

The Independent Television Commission rejected complaints about a live demonstration on examining testicles for cancerous lumps on ITV's This Morning. The commission said there was "a strong public health case" for the item.

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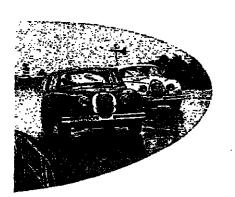
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Tributes pour in for a revered spiritual leader, Ruth Gledhill writes

CHRISTIAN congregations of all denominations across Britain joined in prayer yesterday for Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, who has disclosed that he is dying of cancer.

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The cardinal, leader of four million Roman Catholics in England and Wales, who is suffering the advanced stages of the disease, said that he was determined to see in the millennium, which has been designated a "Holy Year" by the

Tributes came from Catholic, Church of England and other church leaders after the cardinal wrote to his clergy telling them about his illness.

Cardinal Hume, 76, who was appointed to Westminster in 1976, has responded with characteristic dignity to the results of hospital tests carried

out last week. In his letter to his clergy, he indicated his intention to con-ninue working as long as he could. However, he cancelled plans to celebrate Mass in one of his parishes yesterday.

Today he is expected to preside at a memorial Requiem Mass at Westminster Cathedral for the late Bishop Patrick Casey, former Bishop of Brentwood. Hundreds of worshippers went to the cathedral yesterday to pray for the cardinal.

Cardinal Hume has a busy

SEARCH FOR A SUCCESSOR

year. The Pope asked the

cardinal to stay on until at

least 2000, an indication of

the respect in which he is

held, but work did begin on

finding a replacement.
Those being considered

are thought to include the Archbistion of Liverpool, the Most Rev Patrick Kelly, the Master of the Dominican Order, Father Timothy

Radcliffe, OP, who is based

in Rome, and the Bishop of

East Anglia, the Right Rev

that bishops began to suspect

something serious was wrong.

After learning his test re-sults, the cardinal wrote on Fri-

day to his clergy and posted a

copy of the letter on his web-site. In it, he says: "You may have heard that I have recent-

ly been in hospital for tests.

The result: I have cancer, and

"I have received two wonder-

ful graces. First, I have been

given time to prepare for a

new future. Secondly, I find

it is not in its early stages.

THERE is no obvious candidate to fill Cardinal Hume's place as a respected and loved leader, although a search began months ago

The Apostolic Nuncio (Vatican ambassador in London), Archbishop Pablo Puente, began working on the list of three names of possible successors to submit to the Pope for a final decision after the cardinal offered his resignation on reaching the age of 75 last

day he is due to deliver a lec-ture for Cafod, the Catholic overseas development agency. part of the annual "Low Week" meeting of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, which he heads it was He has many other inter-views, Masses and celebra-tions ahead of him over the so out of character for him to be absent from the meeting

The first signs that Cardinal-Hume was ill appeared when he began feeling nauseous atmealtimes a few weeks ago. His thought at first that he had become tired of office food, but he mentioned to colleagues that he was feeling queasy and was admitted to hospital in London last week for tests. The results showed a cancer "not in its early stages".

Suspicion that he might be unwell began to circulate diary for the rest of this month among the clergy after the myself — uncharacteristically and subsequently. Next Sun- hospital tests made him miss — calm and at peace. I intend

b carry on working as much ind as long as I can. I have no intention of being an invalid until I have to submit to the ill-

"But nevertheless, I shall be i bil limited in what I can do. Above all, no fuss. The future in God's hands. I am determined to see the Holy Year in. This is an opportunity for the to thank you for all your needship, your patience and, of least, your good humour.
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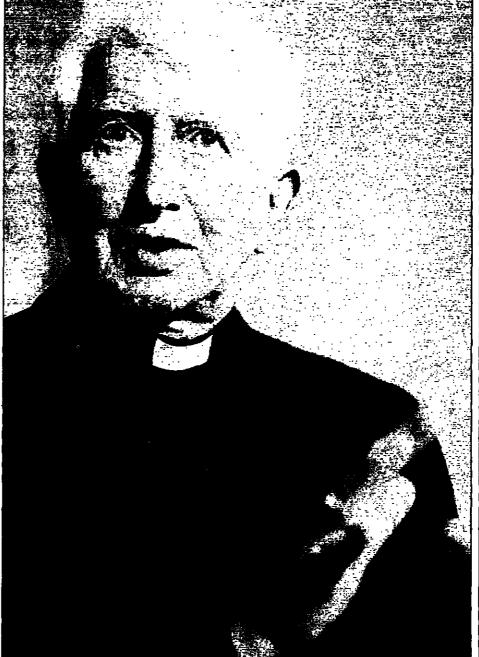
great future. The Gospel nust live again in our society. Any that grace be given to us Il in the Holy Year. You, dear athers, have a key role tolay in that."
The Archbishop of Canter

ury, Dr George Carey, led e tributes to Cardinal Hume ter the announcement. He aid: "I am so sorry to learn of ne nature of Cardinal Hume's lness. His faithful acceptance Tthe situation and his ability look forward with determiation and with hope is typical the man whom we know,

we and respect."

Lord Runcie, the former archbishop of Canterbury, who has been living with canper for five years, said: "I am full of sympathy for Basil Hume and eager to add my prayers to the many that will be said for him." ☐ Cardinal Hume's website

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Cardinal Hume - intends to carry on working for as long as his cancer permits

Granada defends suspects' holiday

By Tim Jones

GRANADA Television last night defended its decision to provide the five young men suspected of killing Stephen Lawrence with a holiday in a luxurious Scottish farmhouse.

The revelation that they were taken to the hideaway in Perthshire before their interviews with the journalist Martin Bashir were shown on the current affairs show Tonight has infuriated legal representa-tives of the Lawrence family and some politicians.

Imran khan, who acts for the family, said they had asked him to look at steps they could take through the Broadcasting Standards Council and to consider legal action. Sources close to the five said

that they had been chauffeurdriven, taken go-karting, given tickets to a Scottish football match and played golf at ex-

pensive courses.
Granada said it paid Jamie
Acourt, his brother Neil, Gary
Dobson, Luke Knight and David Norris only £25 per head per day for their 15-night stay. Mike Large, for Granada, said: "All we paid for was accommodation costs, which came to £1,875."

But Jill Bristow, 65, the farmhouse's landlady, said it was booked for a month at a cost of E895 a week: a total of £3,576. Roseanna Cunningham, an

SNP MP, said: "I am appalled ... to know that these men may have been given a fort-night's freebie holiday."

Why men prefer their news back to front

By Alexandra Frean, social affairs correspondent

RESEARCH into gender differences claims to have solved the riddle of why men flip through magazines from the back, while women start from the front.

Puzzled about why men's magazines on newsagents' shelves had their outer edges curling upwards, while women's titles curved downwards. researchers from the Durrants press cuttings agency set out to discover the reason.

Observation of men at bookstalls and news stands and interviews with editors of men's titles revealed a simple trich: men are so conditioned to turning to the back pages of newspapers for the sports news that they have become virtually incapable of reading anything from the front.

Jonathan Shepherd, a director of Durrants, which reads nearly 200,000 newspapers and magazines a year on behalf of its clients, said: This quite clearly indicates that the top stories should be at the end of the publication - a bit of a reversal of the accepted trends."

Bill Prince, deputy editor of the leading men's title GQ. said that the magazine had its sex page on the inside back page for this very reason. "The back page is nearly always the 'second entry' after the front cover, because men are conditioned by the position of the sports pages on the

national newspapers." Habits were changing, however, he added. "As sport starts to gain front-page status, things will start to change. Meanwhile, men continue to look under the skirts to discover the interesting

bits as soon as possible." Liz Hoey, spokeswoman for another leading men's title, FHM, said that the magazine placed its True Story fea-ture on the inside back page because it was the best-read page. "Men won't look at the contents page in the newspaper shop. Instead they will dive into the magazine to find out what's going on — almost always starting at the back." But Elsa McAlonan, acting

editor of the women's magazine Marie Claire, said that, while men's conditioning probably stemmed in part from the position of national newspaper sports pages, other forces were also at play. Women, she suggested, were more logical than men and tended to savour their magazines, rather than rush through them for a quick thrill. "Women start at the front because it makes more sense. Men are impatient and think they are getting the picture quicker by starting at

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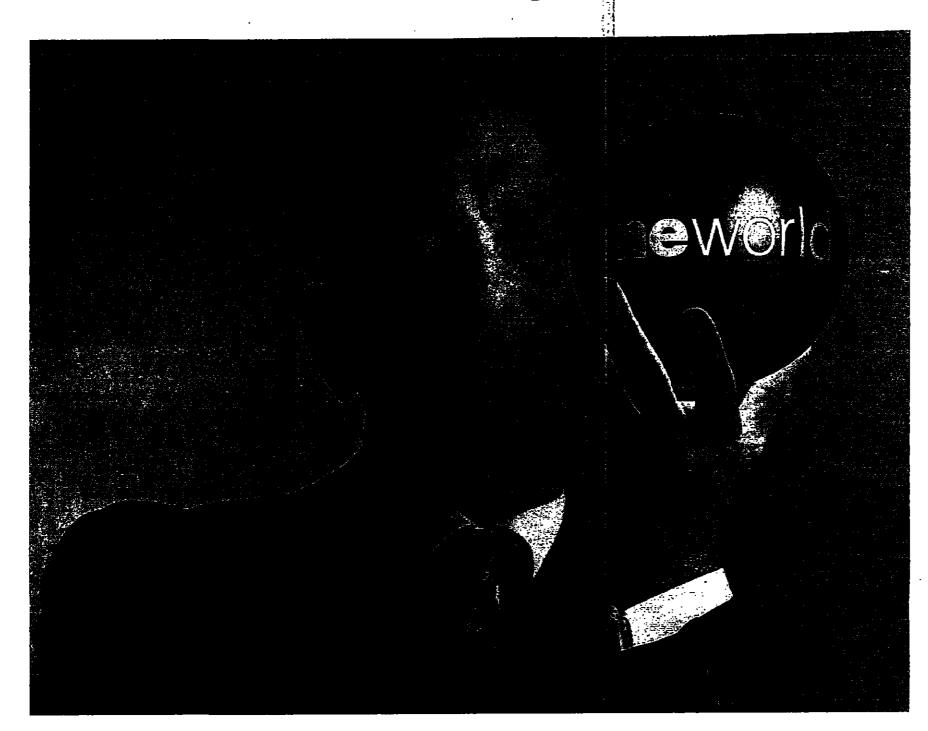
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Serbs lie in wait for Nato



The alliance is pinning its hopes on the arrival of Apache helicopters to turn tide, reports Michael Evans

THE most ominous news for the Nato summit in Washing-Nato is that the Serb forces in Kosovo are digging in for a long war, in anticipation that the alliance might change its mind about not undertaking a ground offensive.

The decision by the Serbs to start building defensive posi-tions across Kosovo will make it even harder for Nato's air campaign to have any significant impact on Belgrade's forces there. The Serbs know the territory better than any Nato planner and will have at least two months in which to plot the defence of Kosovo and strengthen their forces, before the alliance would be in any position to launch a land offensive, were Nato's leaders to re-

verse their policy. After a bombing campaign that has moved up several gears since March 24, there is no indication of Serb forces leaving the Yugoslav province. Indeed, there are some intelligence reports that reinforcements have recently been sent to Kosovo, bringing the total to more than the 40,000-man figure acknowledged by Nato.

ton on Friday, the alliance has one remaining hope: that the 48 American Apache attack helicopters being deployed to Albania will begin to turn the war in its favour

Four weeks of high-flying bombing — at never less than 15,000ft — must have proved to everyone in Nato that aircraft travelling at 500mph at that altitude can never hope to make much of an inroad against an army of 40,000 troops who are digging into well camouflaged positions.

Air Marshal Sir John Day, Chief of Operations at the Ministry of Defence, was honest enough to admit as much when asked whether air power alone could destroy 40,000 troops, armed with 300 tanks and large numbers of artillery and armoured personnel carriers. He said: "It's going to be a very long time before we can be absolutely sure that we have destroyed 40,000 troops and 300 tanks."

Nato says it is ready for a "long haul" campaign, but unless the attacks on the fuel depots halt President Milosevic's



fosovan family were travelling when it hit a mine lies on its side at the border crossing The car in which the

Apaches can make a serious difference in picking off Serbitops and armour, Sir Johnst prediction provides probably the best reason for Nato to start considering other options diplomatic or military.

Nato has had success in hi ting fuel dumps and Yugosia via's oil refineries, but sand tion-busting oil supplies at coming into ports at Montene gro to make up for the losses:

Serb forces in Kosovo are ser tling in for a long war. With out any immediate prospect of Nato taking on the Yugoslave Army at ground level, low-five ing Apaches will be the nex best thing to an infantryman. This is going to change the low-risk strategy adopted by

tanks and armoured person. Nato Even at 15,000ft, every nel carriers in Kosovo and their Nato pilot has had to face up to the threat of being shot down and no one can underestimate the personal courage required to fly through enemy anti-aircraft fire and surface to-air missile attacks. But in terms of putting the maximum pressure on the Serb forces in Kosovo, there is no substitute for mixing it at close quarters.

To do so, even in an Apache with sophisticated defensive aids, will mean taking more risks. It is unlikely that Nato aircraft will have destroyed any of the thousands of shoulder-fired surface-to-air missiles that the Serbs have in Kosovo.

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Fleeing family killed by mine

Tirana: Five members of an ethnic Albanian family fleeing Kosovo were killed yesterday when their car bit a landmine at the Albanian border. international observers said.

Two boys aged nine and 13, a girl of 15 and their grandmother died when their vehicle exploded before dawn within sight of the Morina border crossing, the first incident of its kind.

The children's 35-year-old mother, badly injured in the blast, staggered across to the

operation in Europe, said. Her 44-year-old husband and their son of II were hurt. The boy was in serious condition and was taken by helicop-ter to Tirana, Mr Angeli said. Adem Berisha, the chil-dren's grandfather, was later found sobbing alone near the

border post. He told report-ers he was in a car behind the

one that exploded. (Reuters)

way to hospital, Andrea Ange-

li, a spokesman for the Organ-

isation for Security and Co-

April 17

CHRONOLOGY OF WAR

April 20: Tony Blair to visit Nato headquarters in Brussels and

April 23: Nato leaders to mark alliance's 50th anniversary at Washington summit. Celebration overshadowed by Nato's first

Nato aircraft hit 36 targets between Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Nato claims it has crippled Serbia's air defences and ability to refine oil. About 20,000 more refugees arrive in Albania US Apache anti-tank helicopters start arriving in Albania. Nato asks for use of Bulgarian airspace for strikes against Yugoslavia.

> Nato says at least 3,000 people have been murdered in Kosovo in the past three weeks UNHCR says it might need to airlift refugees to distant countries. Bad weather hampers most Nato airstrikes overnight.

April 16

This week

April 18

RAF base in Germany.

Belgrade turns down UN peace proposal. Pentagon says it wants 33,000 reservists. Mass expulsions of refugees from Kosovo resume.

<u>April 15</u>

Nato says F16s dropped bomb on one vehicle in convoy that could have been civilian, but confusing account fails to explain camage.





<u>April 14</u>

Nato aircraft kill ethnic Albanian efugees. Belgrade reports 64 dead.

A<u>p</u>ril 13

General Wesley Clark (left), allied Commander in Europe, requests 300 more US warplanes.

April 12

At least 14 people reported killed when Nato missile hits a train on a bridge in southern Serbia. Serbia's largest refinery burns after missile strike. Yugoslav parliament votes to join union with Russia and Belarus.

April 11

Nato bombing slackens amid bad weather and partly in deference to Serbian Orthodox Easter. Belgrade says guerrillas are using Albanian bases; Albania says villages hit by cross-border shelling.

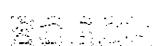


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Airstrikes knock out Serb oil refineries

Charles Bremner reports from Brussels on Nato successes in hitting Milosevic's war machine

NATO has announced that Yu-goslavia's ability to produce oil has been halted by a series of "highly successful" airstrikes carried out yesterday.

Among targets hit in 500 sorties by allied aircraft were 13 armoured vehicles operating in Kosovo and a large oil refinery located at the Serbian city of Pancevo.

"Milosevic no longer has the ability to refine crude oil," said Jamie Shea, the alliance spokesman.

Mr Shea added that the allied air offensive had now "broken the back" of Yugoslavia's integrated air defence system, reducing Serbian forces to makeshift methods for fending off attacks.

His comments came as reports emerged of Kosovo Albanian men being forced into chain gangs to dig graves for

their murdered countrymen. The alliance said that it had photographs to confirm reports that the men, dressed in red or orange jackets, were being forced to bury the victims of Serbia's ethnic purge in the

Nato's evidence showed 43 sites of mass graves in Kosovo. These differed from the opentrench graves dug previously in Serbia's ethnic cleansing, said Brigadier Giuseppe Ma-

rani, the military spokesman. These sites have neat rows of individual graves pointing to the southeast ... to Mecca,"

Nato also reported evidence that men and boys had been forced to work digging coal from mines around Pristina which feed the main power station providing electricity to the Kosovan capital.

The alliance remained on the defensive over its explanation for the attacks on refugee convoys south of the city of Diakovica last Wednesday in which some 70 people were reported to have died.

The Pentagon said on Saturday that the Brussels headquarters of the alliance had made a mistake in issuing a recording last Thursday of a pilot's account of an attack on a convoy north of Djakovica. Insisting that the investiga-

tion was continuing, Brigadier Marani said that the tape had only been released to show a "typical" operation against ground targets and the type of precautions taken by pilots to avoid civilian losses.

To back up the point, he showed video footage of a pilot redirecting a laser-guided bomb away from a Serbian mobile radar unit at the last moment after he realised there

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was a church close by. This quick-thinking pilot was able to pull the weapon off the target and redirect it into a wood where it exploded harmlessly," said Brigadier Morani. However he declined to confirm that the original pilot's account did not refer to the incident that caused heavy loss of civilian life.

It was still too early in the investigation to be able to determine whether this strike had killed refugees or not, he said. His remarks added to the confusion around Nato's accounts of the Wednesday strikes.

Tension between the political directors and the military commanders was evident when Mr Shea voiced frustration over his inability to provide information on the convoy strikes.

"I would really welcome anything that could throw light on this business and put the facts on the table," he said.

According to diplomats, General Wesley Clark, Nato's Supreme Commander, ordered a news blackout on last Wednesday's incidents pending the outcome of Nato's

Mr Shea also expressed frustrations in combating President Milosevic's propaganda. "We have to check our facts. We have to correct our mistakes. Milosevic is under no such restriction," he said.

Tony Blair is to visit Nato headquarters in Brussels tomorrow as the alliance prepares for a summit in Wash-

ington on Friday. Planned to celebrate Nato's 50th anniversary, the event would now be largely devoted to strategy over Kosovo and a future plan for stabilising the Balkans, said Mr Shea.

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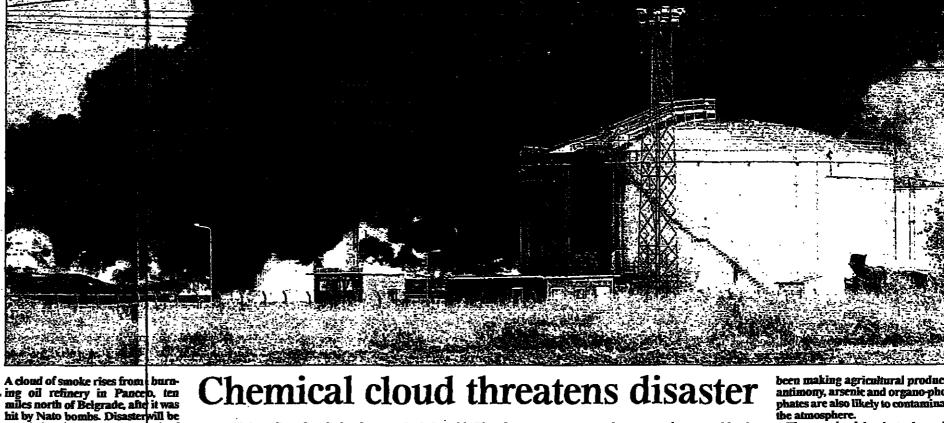
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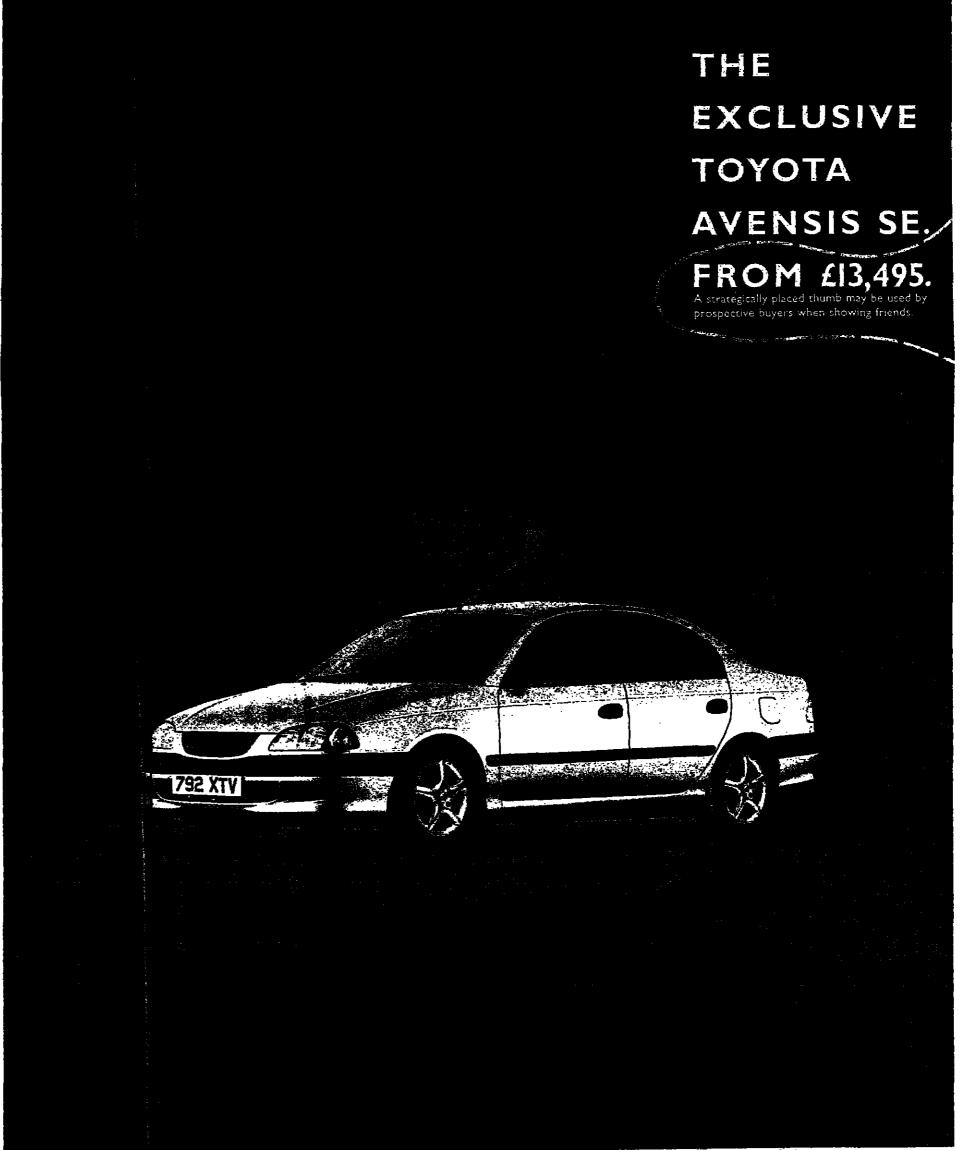
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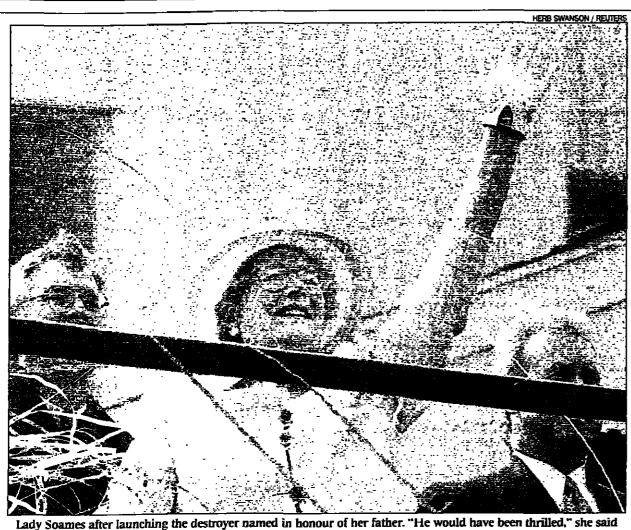
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Winston Churchill prepares to defend alliance once more

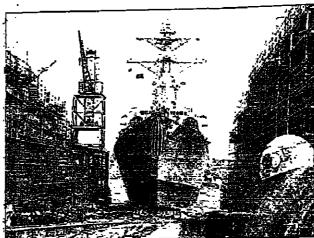
BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN BATH, MAINE

WINSTON CHURCHILL is back on the high seas as a force for war.

Britain and America's military leaders broke from directing the conflict in Yugoslavia to travel to Maine this weekend for a ceremony steeped in symbolism: the launch of the USS Winston S. Churchill, the most powerful destroyer to be built.

When she is fully function al early next year, the ship will be the pride of a US fleet that has not named a vessel after a British figure since the War of Independence more than 200 years ago.

The launch had been scheduled since 1995, when President Clinton anounced to a joint sitting of Parliament in London that the ship would be named after Churchill to "ride the seas as a reminder for the coming



who stood always for freeiom". But George Robert-on, the Defence Secretary. William Cohen, his Amerian counterpart, and a string of other military and politial figures seized the opporunity to evoke the wartime eader in justifying the

But a combination of the conflict in Yugoslavia and the Churchill name brought a high-spirited and patriotic crowd of several thousand to the hanks of the Kennebec River. A very small minority were peace protestors. Shops

ries of shipbuilding in Bath,

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launches are usually routine.

were doing a lively trade in cigars and memorabilia associated with a man who was made an honorary US citizen by President Kennedy.

The ship was launched b Lady Soames. 76. Sir Winston's only surviving child. "We did if!" she yelped as she smashed a bottle of champagne against the ship and danced a jig with her cosponsor, Janet Langhart Cohen, the US Defence Secre-

think it's moving that, more than 30 years after my father's death, they still set such store by him here," Lady Soames said. "He would have been thrilled and honoured. It is wonderful for his memory and for Britain. It is a special relationship.

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President 'took no part in war plan'

As the conflict loomed, Clinton was distracted by Lewinsky affair, says

Ben Macintyre in Washington

DISTRACTED by the Lewinsky scandal, President Clinton was not even present at the fateful meeting last January when a plan was formed to use the threat of air power to demand Serb acceptance of a peace deal in Kosovo enforced ry Nato ground troops.

The White House meeting on January 19, at which Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, successfully argued for a much tougher stance against Belgrade, was a vital moment in the build-up to war. But Mr Clinton was preoccupied with his impeachment trial, according to a report yesterday in The New York Times that paints a picture of a President whose attention was focused elsewhere as Kosovo erupted.

At the January meeting Ms Albright overcame the reservations of other senior advisers and the plan, demanding Serb acceptance of Nato troops in Kosovo under threat of force for the first time, was sent for approval to Mr Clinton, who was at that moment preparing his State of the Union address while the US Senate listened to arguments on whether he should be thrown out of office. The President might have made the same decisions with

or without the Lewinsky imbroglio, but officials have acknowledged that the Clinton Administration's obsession with the scandal made it harder to devote adequate attention to the unfolding Balkan crisis. Bob Dole, the former Republican senator, met Mr Clinton last September after a fact-finding mission to Kosovo but found that "a lot of attention was diverted" from the problem of Yugoslavia by the im-peachment debate. Immediately after discussing Kosovo, Mr Clinton switched to the impeachment issue and asked for Mr Dole's help in drumming

against conviction. The Lewinsky saga was "all consuming . . . this was a critical time in the Monica events", according to Mr Dole, who said he believed a proper assessment of the deteriorating Kosovo situation "may have been one of the casualties" of the soundal.

up support in the Senate

White House officials have also conceded that when violence began spreading in Kosovo early in 1988, the administration's energies were deployed elsewhere.

"I hardly remember Kosovo in political discussions. It was all impeachment, impeachment, impeachment. There was nothing else," one presi-dential adviser told The New York Times.

By August 1998, some officials were issuing stark warnings, but again domestic and other concerns intervened. Alexander Vershbow, the US representative to Nato, sent a cable calling for an international protectorate in Kosovo enforced by a Nato-Russian peacekeeping force.

The cable, which came to nothing, coincided with the bombing of American embassies in East Africa and Mr Clinton's preparations for his appearance before the Grand Jury investigating the Lewin-

With the President coming under increasing criticism for failing to act swiftly enough in Kosovo, officials have signalled a shift in emphasis towards an open acknowledgement of the need to remove President Milosevic from power. Military officials have also

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range of reports on war, human rights and censorship. voiced support for the KLA rebels, predicting a "resur-gent" guerrilla force will up

the scales against the Yugoslav Army. The President is now predicting that the region will never have stability with Mr Milose-

vic in power. "Our campaign will continue, shifting the balance of power against him until we succeed," Mr Clinton Wrote in The Sunday Times. "Ultimately, Mr Milosevic

must either cut his mounting losses or lose his ability to maintain his grip on Kosovo". US officials met in secret with KLA members earlier this month to discuss the possible provision of anti-tank weapons and other support, according to a report in US News & World Report magazine. The White House refused w

comment on the claim. Gerhard Schröder, the German Chancellor, has accused some Nato allies of not acting to break off trade with Mr Milosevic despite the hostilities. in an apparent reference to a failure by Hungary - which joined the alliance on March 12 - to stop the flow of oil and gas through its territory to Yu-

'This is unacceptable. We cannot be at war with a country and let a pipeline that runs through a Nato member country supply the adversary."

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Mercy flights feed hungry mouths

Joanna Bale in Tetovo watches grateful mothers recive supplies of food and clothing flown in by British chalities

THREE days after the first Save an estimated 50,000 refugees who the Children aid flight left Kent for Macedonia. one-year-old Valmir Halili gurgled with delight as his mother swapped his tattered shoes for a new pair of

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sturdy boots. Having fled the flaming ruins of Pristina with only the clothes they stood up in, he and his mother. Tefta, were at the head of the queue for one of the first aid packages paid for by the British public after the record-breaking appeal by the Disasters Emergency Committee, which has raised £14 million.

"It gives me hope when people so far away are helping me to care for my son," said Mrs Halili, 22. tears welling in her eyes as she examined the contents of a bag of baby food, nappies and clothes at a distribution centre in the Macedonian town of Tetovo. The Serbs told us to get out at once and forced us to leave all our possessions. They have burnt down our house and we have nothing left. I have no idea whether my parents, brothers and sisters are alive or dead."

Mrs Halili and her husband, Bujar, a former electronics company worker, fled Kosovo with Valmir and his brother Valon, three, at the beginning of the Nato bombing. They are among

have avoided the squalor of the border camps after being offered rooms with host families in Macedonia. For the past two weeks they have been living in unbearably cramped conditions with five other refugees and 15 members of a family in a six-room house.

"Every Albanian family in Tetovo has many refugees living with it," the head of the family. Mamut Lika, said. "It is up to us to do everything we can."

Mrs Halili had been among

hundreds of women with young children who received the aid packages from Britain at a distribution scentre run by El-Hilal, an Albanian charity. Mike Gaouette, emergency project manager for Save the Children, said: "While lots of aid has been reaching the camps, we wanted to target the hidden population of refugees living with host families. most of whom have received nothing — which is why we are working with a local charity to distrib-ute it in the towns and villages where it is needed most."

About 1,500 Family Aid kits worth £127,000 were flown to the Macedonian capital of Skopje on Wednesday in a DC8, chartered by Save the Children at a cost of £32,000. A further 1,500 kits destined for an onward journey to the Albanian capital were brought in by roll As the aircraft kied into Skopje airport, its chain, Ian Peacock, who usual delivers fresh fruit and flowerfrom Nairobi to London for Nass & Spen-

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Valmir Halili, aged one, finds food and new clothing in Albania

Red tape thwarts aid effort

FROM SAM KILEY IN MORINE

ALREADY caught off balance by the flood of more than 350,000 refugees into Albania over the past three weeks, aid agencies are in danger of being swamped by a renewed tide of victims who have been stranded without shelter in appalling weather.

Refugees crossed the Morine border post yesterday at a rate of 1,000 an hour before Serb security forces inexplicably shut off the flow. In the absence of aid workers, journalists stepped in to hand out plastic sheeting to freezing and exhausted people already drenched after days in the open.
Others used their vehicles to carry

the elderly and sick, many of them suffering from hypothermia, to a tiny field hospital set up by the Italian Army — the only visible sign of the 8.000 Nato troops promised for humanitarian relief.

Faced with poor planning and bureaucratic hold-ups at the headquarters of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva and the United Nations World Food Programme in Rome. field officers freely admit that they cannot cope with the exodus from

"It is outrageous. We have the wrong sort of sheeting, and to make matters worse, we have run out of it. There have been rows with Geneva over this but our frustrations have just carned us reprimands," said a senior UNHCR field worker.

At first glance the type of plastic sheeting used for shelter might appear to be trivial. But to a refugee who has been walking for days and has left home, murdered relatives and identity papers behind, plastic sheeting represents the difference between another night of agony and relative comfort. The Albanian authorities have

been anxious to keep the refugees moving so that they do not concentrate in the small border town of Kukes. Its population has already doubled and yesterday aid workers were expecting an influx of a further 50,000 to 80.000 people. Last night families huddled under

blankets in the town's streets and already medical workers have given warning of outbreaks of hepatitis, pneumonia and dysentery.

BALKANS **SUMMARY**

Vatican blames Belgrade

Rome: The Vatican de-clared that Belgrade had caused the Kosovo conflict by engaging in the atrocity of "ethnic cleansing". L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper, con-demned the Milosevic Government for its "policy of violence, deportations and murder". Officials said that the Pope still advocated an end to bombing by Nato.

Embassy ban

Yugoslavia broke off diplomatic relations with Albania for putting air space and territory at the disposal of Nato. Albania called the move unacceptable and said it would continue to support the alliance.

Admiral's blast

Madrid: Rear-Admiral Angel Tello Valero, of Spain, has become the first senior Nato officer to express dissent over the war. He said that he considered it to be "a total disaster".

Crew protest

Five crew refused to sail with a Greek destroyer due to join Nato squadrons in the Adriatic. The men, who said they were "prevented by reasons of conscience", face a court martial.

Life copies art

Belgrade: The US film Wag the Dog, about a fake war, won top award from the Yugoslavian Academy of Film, Arts and Science. It said the plot had become tragic reality. (AFP)

Nato beer ban

Moscow: Traders in Kaliningrad, the Russian enclave in the Baltics, have refused to sell beer to tourists from Nato countries as a gesture of support for their fellow Slavs.

Europe takes more evacues FROM STEPHEN FARRELL IN SKOPJE

Brazde, Stenkovec and other tent-

REFUGEE agencies said last the United Nations High Comnight that they were planning missioner for Refugees said that more flights of Kosovan refugees to other European countries, giving warning that border camps in Macedonia were "bursting at the

ed villages north of the capital, WHERE HAVE THEY GONE?

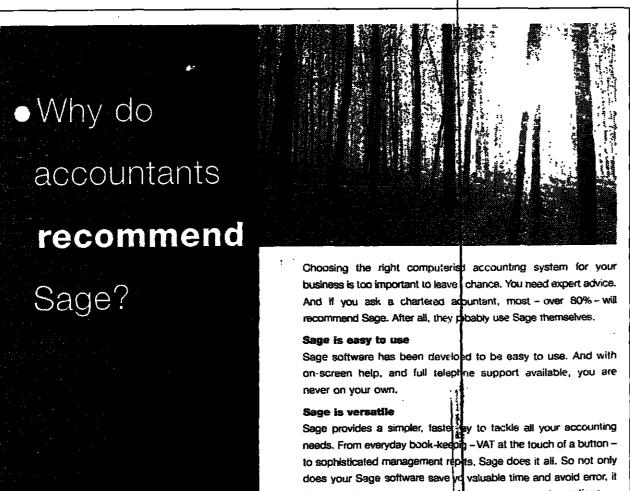
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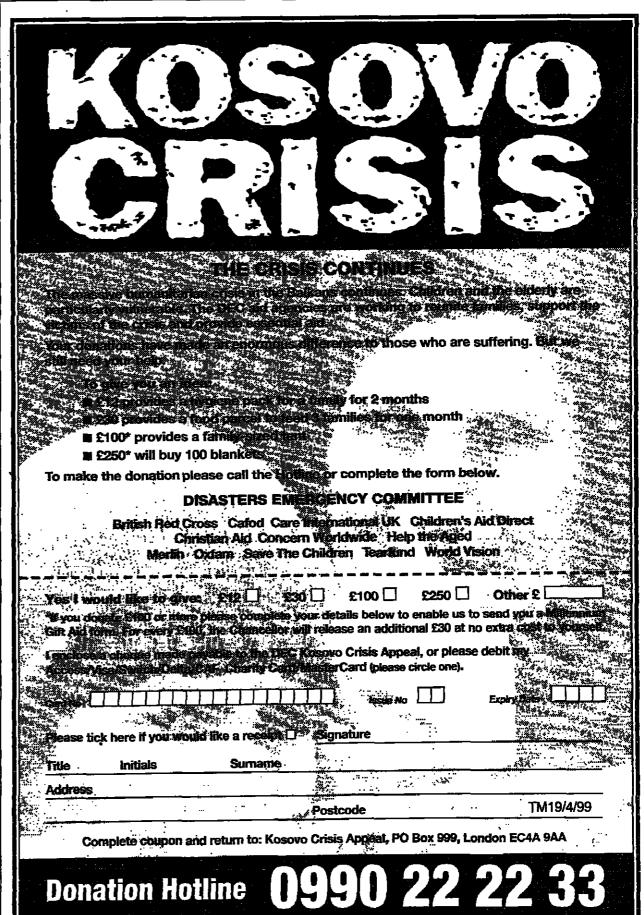
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Beatrice: can stay until her eggs hatch

Council fails to break its duck

A DUCK holding up a £15 million millennium project was sitting pretty vesterday after being saved from eviction.

A dispute broke out after the mallard, named Beatrice laid eggs in an ancient spa pool in Bath shortly before renovation work funded by the national lottery was to start. Council chiefs wanted the duck removed so that they could start water tests, but spa staff demanded that she be allowed to stay until her eggs had hatched.

Yesterday Beatrice's supporters were celebrating af-ter the Department of the Environment refused to grant the council a licence to move her.

Margaret Stewart, of the Springs' Foundation. said: "It is a victory for common sense. Nobody wanted her to be moved. Now she can sit in peace until the eggs hatch in May.

"And she will be there for a few weeks after that as she teaches her little ones how to fly", she added. "Everyone who has been involved in this is absolutely delighted and Beat-rice herself looks extremely happy with the decision."

The council wants to restore the 2,000-year-old pool to its former glory, but the project — already £1.5 million over budget came to a halt when Beatrice laid her eggs in a flowerpot beside Cross Bath. Now the council will have to carry out the work

'Road rage' killer's confession dismissed by victim's family

THE family of the man murdered by Tracie Andrews yesterday accused her of trying to "save her own skin" after she finally confessed to the killing, in a letter from prison.

Andrews, who was jailed for life in 1997 for the murder of Lee Harvey after claiming that an unknown "road rage" killer had stabbed him 35 times, wrote that she had "lost all control". The 30-year-old convicted killer, from Alvechurch, Worcestershire, said in the letter that she had felt sick as she cradled her dying fiancé on the roadside after the attack in December 1996.

At her trial at Birmingham Crown Court in 1997, the former model vehemently denied involvement in Harvey's death. Her confession to the killing, which was sent to the News of the World 21 months after her conviction, infuriated he parents, because she claimed that he was a violent aggressor who had pulled a.

Harvey's mother, Maureen, 53, said: "She hasn't confessed because she's turning to religion or is remorseful — she is doing it to save her skin. She knows that she's got to admit her crime before she can be considered for parole. That is why she's done it."

While police were still seeking the mythical "road-rage" killer, Mrs Harvey had supported Andrews at a press conference, not knowing that Andrews had killed her son. Yesterday Mrs Harvey said: "I wanted to believe that Lee had been killed in a road-rage attack. My motherly instinct told me to give her the benefit of the doubt. Now, with the confession. I feel stripped of everything."

Ray Harvey. Lee's father. 54, said: "Finally - now the truth has come out - our son can rest in peace. We have always known Tracie would one day admit her guilt. At least now the rest of the world knows what she is. She is a lying, evil, murdering bitch."

The letter says that Andrews flew into a rage after arguing with Harvey about her former lover, Andy Tilston, while driving back from a pub. As the row turned into a fight, she claims that Harvey produced



a knife and threatened her with it, and that he dropped it in the scuffle. She wrote: "I fell. I saw the knife on the floor, picked it up and when he went for me again I just reacted with the knife. I must have stabbed him."

Andrews then decided to concoct the story about a "road-rage" killer. "My whole life had ended . . . I knew I had to make it look as though we had been attacked," the letter

had she not lied to police she might now have been serving a sentence for manslaughter instead of murder. She said

she had wanted to confess because "the more I keep things bottled up inside the worse I'm making myself feel".

The letter said that Lee got out of the car and pulled a knife. He "grabbed my hair. He said, 'See if Andy wants you with a ****ed up face' He had a knife and I was scared. With that I kneed him, he

fell down and pulled me down too . . . He punched me again, I fell, I saw the knife on the floor, picked it up and when he went for me again I just reacted with the knife. I must have stabbed him then he stood still ... and hit me so hard I fell

again. I just went mad.

Andrews wrote: "I went back over to Lee and tried talking, shaking him. I could hear him breathing in a bad way. I saw his eyes go to the back of his head, I could smell this awful smell and I felt the wetness on my hands.

"I knew the police would take me away." After the killing a man came to help. "I made up a story about us being attacked. went to the hospital, I flushed

the knife down the toilet." Andrews gave the false story to the police. The letter reads: "I do feel I should have been convicted of mansiaugh-ter. I should have told the truth in the first place and used my defence."

She subsequently attempted

The Harvey family denied that their son had carried a knife. Ray Harvey said: It is a complete fairy-tale. I believe she had taken the knife out with her.

Both Andrews's solicitor and the News of the World declined to comment on how the letter had reached the newspaper and whether it would be the subject of any payment.



Andrews with Lee Harvey, whom she admits killing

Colleges to seek higher tuition fees

BY ELIZABETH JUDGE

UNIVERSITIES believe that they have weathered the impact of £1,000 tuition fees and are ready to lobby for higher charges in the next Parliament, a survey by The Times has shown.

Fears that dropout rates would soar as students were faced with their first bills have proved unfounded, university officials said. Applications from school leavers have also held up, although the fees appear to have deterred many older applicants.

Detailed figures, published today in the first instalment of The Times Good University Guide, show that some former polytechnics have been badly affected, however. Thames Valley University, which had a rescue plan agreed by the Higher Education Funding Council for England last Friday, had seen a 19 per cent drop in applications.

However, De Montfort, another former polytechnic, re-corded the biggest increase, with almost 20 per cent more applicants. It was followed by Abertay and Lincolnshire and

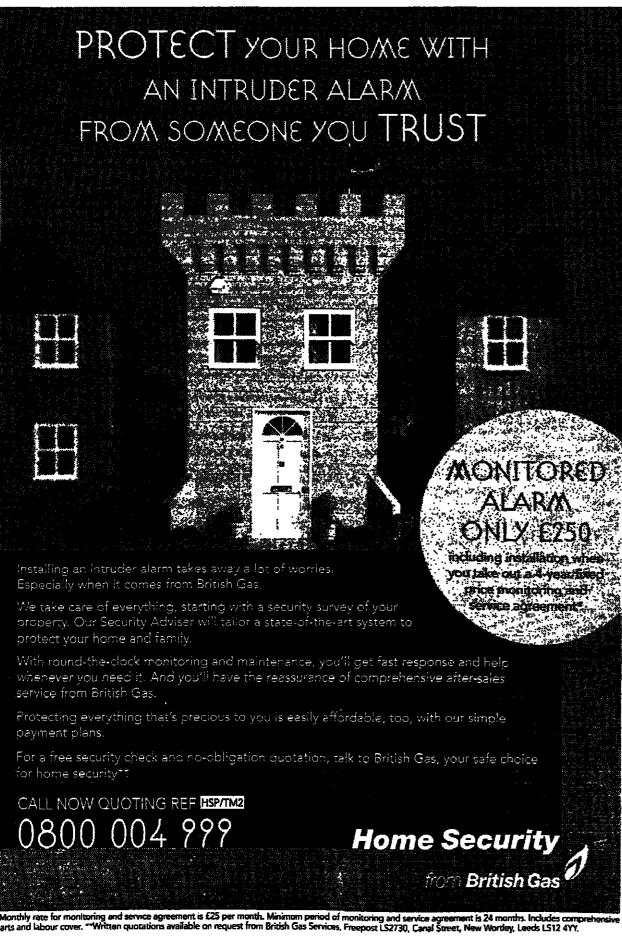
A separate survey showed that most students were overcoming the financial impact of tuition fees. No university reported a rise in dropout rates and Barclays Bank said the number of students in debt on graduation had risen by only per cent in four years.

Tuition fees for full-time undergraduates will rise by £25 for 1999-2000, in line with inflation. But many vice-chancellors are anxious to see a much larger increase after the next election. That would require the assent of both Hous-

Few university yet have comout rates. But Hilary Layton. public relations officer for York University, said only five students had left for financial reasons: "There is no doubt that financial problems are becoming more serious, but they are not serious enough yet to be influencing dropout rates."

Lesley Munro, academic registrar of the University of Central Lancashire, said early indications suggested that retention may be slightly up on previous years. "It will probably take a couple of years before we know the impact."

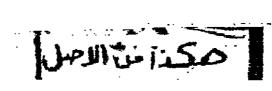
Professor Les Ebdon, the deputy Vice-Chancellor at Plymouth University, said: "I think that the impact of the fee and of loans has been to make students think more carefully about applying."







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THE TIMES MONDAY APRIL 19 1999 A Queen spots Korea opportunities

Alan Hamilton in Seoul reports on an historic

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visit at a crucial time for British trading links

THE Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are not the most dedicated of football fans, but they will be unable to avoid the game when they begin a four-day state visit to South Korea today, the first by a British monarch to the South-East Asian tiger economy that is struggling to recover its roar.

Tomorrow the Duke will tour the £105 million stadium being built in Seoul for the 2002 World Cup, which Korea is co-hosting with Japan after long wranglings in Fifa, world football's governing body.

Japan has already won the right to the final and the two countries are horse-trading over which of the remaining 64 fixtures each will host.

Seoul has secured the opening ceremony and the first game. The Queen, touring the world's largest all-female university, with 18,000 students, will meet Im Eun Joo, who has become the world's first woman to qualify as an international football referee.

But the visit is more about celebrating 202 years of contact between countries that have remained allies, except for periods of Japanese occupation, since Captain William Broughton sailed his survey ship HMS Providence into Pusan harbour in 1797.

Coincidently, the visit begins 39 years to the day since militant Korean students revolted against the government of President Singman Rhee on April 19, 1960. The Queen's presence recognises that Korea has gone well down the democratic road since then. Her host, President Kim Dae Jung, last year became the first opposition leader to be elected to his country's highest office.

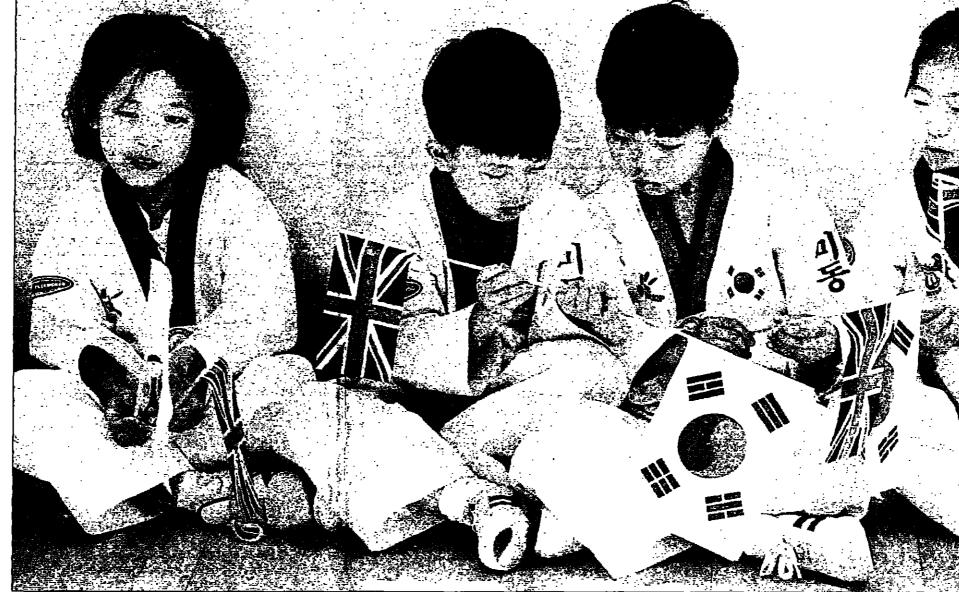
First proposed in 1986, when

the Korean economy was an insignificant tiddler compared with today. the visit comes at a rime when the country is showing some signs of recovery aiter its dramatic downturn in 1997. Britain is now one of Korea's too ten

trading partners, and a relaxa- peer into the bleakness of down a traditional shopping tion of the country's inward investment rules in the past 18 months has seen major British names move into the country. BT has gone into partner-ship with a local telecom company, HSBC is in the process

of swallowing a leading Seoul bank and Tesco and Samsung are opening a chain of hypermarkets together.

Stephen Brown, Britain's Ambassador in Seoul, said



Pupils at Midong elementary school in Seoul rehearse their welcome for the Queen. They are to demonstrate their skills in tackwondo, for which the school is celebrated

that the visit had generated huge excitement. "The Koreans see it as a milestone; they remember the 56,000 British troops, and their 800 deaths of the Korean War. And after their recent financial trouble they have looked to Britain as

While the Duke takes a trip to see the demilitarised zone at Panmunjom, where the cease-

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trouble, they have looked to Britain as a model of how to rebuild their economy?

> North Korea, the Otieen will be on happier business, celebrating her 73rd birthday in a village. She will be invited to . sample traditional birthday

treats, including rice wine. British officials may take the opportunity to question the Koreans on their future investment plans in Britain, particularly the likely fate of the uncompleted Hyundai electronics plant at Dunfermline.

The *truth* about

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More than 6,500 British jobs rely directly on Korean investment, and more than half of Korean investment in the European Union is in Britain. The Government will want to know, with the Korean economy showing signs of recovery. whether projects such as Dunfermline will now be completed. The Queen will be invited

to peer under the bonnet of a Daewoo car designed in Worthing and watch young schoolchil-dren demonstrate the martial art of taekwondo.

She will also meet some of the country's one million

unemployed, walk STreet and de taken on a a Buddhist temple by its chief

Both sides are confident that the tour will be a greater success than the last royal visit to the country in 1992, when the Prince and Princess of Wales could no longer hide their mutal antipathy in public, causing their last overseas tour together to be remembered as "the visit of the Glums".

King 'paid official' for illegal hunts By Adam Sage

SENIOR French official is to lose his job for allowing King Hassan of Morocco to hold pheasant and stag hunts on his 700-hectare estate on the outskirts of Paris.

The replacement of Jean-Marie Ballu, director of the National Hunting Office, comes amid allegations that the King paid government environ-mentalists to invite politicians and diplomats to illegal hunts at his château at Gretz-Armainvilliers.

According to Le Parisien, an employee of the office, — a body meant to protect and study game lives on the King's estate. where he oversees hunts. The newspaper also claimed that the salary of a second employee was funded by the Moroccan Royal Family in return for favours. Not only did the office turn a blind eye to the hunting, but it also helped to organise them. Le Parisien said.

A contract between the office and the King in 1988 stipulated that hunts could be held at the estate only to control the number of animals, which would then be used for research. There have been many hunts, but no scientific reports.





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Move to Berlin marks a shift in country's view of itself

time today in the new Reichstag, decked out with a glass dome that shines out of the Berlin gloom like a lighthouse in the fog.

Everyone seems pleased with the architect. Sir Norman Foster, though there are still a few grumbles about brightly coloured wooden panels and the narrow widths of the seats for the parliamentarians.

There were political and aesthetic battles along the way. The shape of the German eagle was changed several nimes until it ended up as a vaguely familiar overfed hen. Sir Norman wanted grey seats and had to settle for a lighter shade of Prussian blue; indeed one could see the whole project as Prussia Light, a safe low-

HE German parlia-ment meets for the first not only heavy with history. not only heavy with history, but also positively obese.

The Reichstag witnessed some of the most tense confrontations in modern German history: it was set ablaze in 1933. providing the Nazis with an excuse to implement emergency powers: in the dying days of the Second World War, Soviet soldiers regarded it as one of the great prizes of Berlin.

Graffiti scrawled by Russian soldiers was found during the restoration work and Sir Norman has shrewdly kept the Cyrillic etching as part of the interior design. But German politicians have been keen to drop the name Reichstag, which means the imperial parliament

Today's parliamentary ses-sion will be brief and Bonn —

apart from setpiece events such as the election of the President next month - will remain the political cockpit of Germany until the summer. But crates of ministerial archives are being loaded onto trains and trucks for the trip to Berlin and the machinery of government will slowly shift into metropolitan gear. Civil servants are being offered packages of £30,000 to make the reluctant move eastwards.

The Reichstag is not the only tainted building in Berlin: Goering's air ministry will house the Finance Ministry, and the old Reichsbank, where some Nazi gold was stored, will become the Foreign Ministry. The Chancellor, Gerhard Schröder, will preside over a "Berlin Repub-lic" and so he is condemned to



talk of history and of the fu-ture, in a different way from Helmut Kohl.

Even if Herr Kohl had won the election, he would have had to change his rhetoric; it is impossible to rule from the old Prussian capital as if one is still squatting on the banks

of the Rhine. Poland is an hour down the road, and the place brims with Russian shoppers at weekends. It is the most cosmopolitan of German cities. German analysts tell me.

rightly, that Berlin is a deeply provincial capital and one should not expect any big psy-chological shifts in German political behaviour. Some power will seep out of the system by moving out of Bonn. The fight for the soul of German conservatism will be contested between the Swabian, Wolfgang Schäuble, the Bavarian, Edmund Stoiber, and the Hamburger, Volker Rühe, Berlin does not figure.

As for the Government, its destiny is increasingly being settled in Brussels; local governments too look to the Euro-1 pean Commission rather than move to Berlin may thus mark not so much the rebirth of an assertive new Germany but highlight its weaknesses.

Yet shifting eastwards really does matter, not only because it brings Russia closer. East Germans are different and the politicians in Bonn will have to address these differences.

n Kosovo, for example. East Germans with a memory of Warsaw Pact-led "policing" operations - are far more cautious than West Germans. Seventy per cent of West Germans approve of the participation of the German Army in the Nato operation; only 25 per cent of East Germans agree. This is becoming an important part of the political dynamic. The ex-

to the federal capital. The Communist Party of Democratic Socialism, which speaks for many East Germans and which is fiercely against the Kosovo war, will find it difficult to enter regional coalinons with Social Democrats.

The PDS is showing the way for Green dissidents. On May 13 the Greens hold a special party congress on the war and the signs are that they will revolt against their leader, the Foreign Minister. Josehka Fischer.

If the war continues for another month the German Government will look brittle indeed. Even if it does not collapse, the first lesson of the Berlin Republic will be evident: Germany has become difficult to rule in moments of international crisis.

First vote, page 20

to find a victor

IN ISTANBUL

EARLY returns from the Turk-

violence.
Only two of the 21 parties on yesterday's ballot paper seemed likely to poll more than 20 per cent of the vote. Turkey's secularists were hoping that Bulent Ecevit's Democratic Left Party would nose ahead of the pro-Islamic

tion partner.

His main advantage is that other parties will be reluctant to make a deal with the Islamic party. Its leader, Recai Kutan, is regarded with deep suspicion by the military, and the party is threatened with closure for mixing religion

Fistikozu, Sanliurfa.

Turkish poll fails

FROM ANDREW FINKEL

ish general election suggest that no single party will emerge as the overall winner. raising the possibility of political bickering at a time when Turkey faces serious domestic problems and possible involvement in a wider Balkan war Six people were killed in poll

Virtue Party. Neither is likely to come to power on its own and will need at least one coali-Even if the Islamic party

gets more seats, the likelihood is that Mr Ecevit, the 73-yearold Prime Minister, will stay

with politics.

Six people were shot dead in yesterday in fighting between candidates for election as village elders. Security sources in the mainly Kurdish south-east said that four people were killed and eight injured in clashes between supporters of candidates for the post of elder in the village of Basaran in Sanliurfa province. The Anatolian news agency said that an-other candidate was shot dead by his rival in the province of Kastamonu, and that a candidate's relative was killed in

Militants

get death sentences

Hackstep. Egypt The largest military trial yet in Egypt's crackdown on Islamic militants ended with 20 sentences of death or life with hard labour, and shouts of "God is great" from defendants. The nine sentenced to death were senienced to ucain were among 107 charged with be-longing to the Jihad group which assassinated Presi-dent Sadat in 1981. Ayman el-Zawahri, the Jihad lead. er, was tried in absentia and sentenced to death.

Swiss assent

Geneva: Switzerland's vot ers approved changes to the country's 125-year-old constitution. but the Government's proposal passed less comfortably than was expected, with 59 per cent voting in favour. (AP)

Killers sought

Moscow: Chechnya's chief prosecutor issued arrest warrants for four Chechens wanted for the abduetion of three Britons and a New Zealander whose decapitated bodies were found in December. (AFP)

7 children killed

Brazzaville: Seven primary school pupils were killed and 13 seriously injured in Congo when a grenade they were playing with during a break in classes exploded, hospital sources in the capital said. (AFP)

Baby loses fight

Sydney: Gabrielle Woods. a baby delivered by Caesarean section after her eightmonth pregnant mother committed suicide with her husband's police service revolver, died after a three-day fight for life. (Reuters)

Revenge blaze

Lagos: At least ten people died when criminals set fire to four houses in revenge on a vigilante leader. Lado Dan Banga, who had prevented several robberies, survived the attack in Pembegua, north Nigeria. (Reuters)

Saintly record

Rome: The Pope canonised the French founder of the Marist order, an Italian nun and an Italian priest, bringing the number of saints elevated during his 20-year papacy to a record 283. (AP)

30 die as militia take control of Timor's capital FROM PATRICIA NUNAN began attacking the homes of pro-independence leaders.

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ARMED pro-Indonesian militiamen were in control of the East Timorese capital of Dili last night after a weekend of terror in which a loyalist leader called for the "cleansing" of all those in favour of independence from Indonesia. The weekend of brutality

left at least 30 people dead, although the army maintained the total was 12. Witnesses said that militiamen were roaming the streets unchecked by security forces.

The militiamen are controlling most of Dili." an aid worker told The Times by mobile telephone as a cordon surrounded the home of Manuel Carascalao, a pro-independence activist whose 18-year-old son and eight others died when his house was attacked and burnt on Saturday.

The majority of the 30 victims suffered gunshot wounds, according to the aid worker, indicating that the attackers had access to army weapons. The army moves in behind



the militia, chats to them and shortly after that leaves them to do their business. The army is clearly in control of things."

the aid worker said. The violence began on Saturday after two militia groups, "Red and White Iron" and "Thorn" gathered in front of the Governor's residence to hold a rally to publicise their belief that the the majority of East Timorese want the territory to remain part of Indonesia. Eurico Guetteres, leader of the Thorn militia, told the crowd: "I command all pro-in-

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David Andrews, the Irish Foreign Minister, was in a

meeting with the Indonesian military commander for East Timor, when Mr Carascalao arrived to tell the commander that 150 militia members were attacking his home, in which 150 refugees had taken shelter. "It was an extraordinarily tense situation." Mr Andrews said. "Clearly the military

were aware of everything go-ing on and didn't do anything to intervene." Shootings continued in areas outside the capital yesterday and the militiamen set about terrorising the media and aid workers into leaving

the island. A BBC correspond-

ent was threatened. Later this week Ali Alatas. the Indonesian Foreign Minister, will meet his Portuguese counterpart in New York to discuss the July ballot of the East Timorese people which is to ascertain whether they deenhanced autonomy under Indonesian rule or full independence.

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Gandhi's party scents power

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

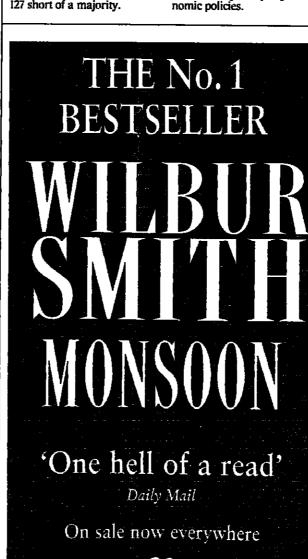
SONIA GANDHI, heir to India's leading political dynasty, yesterday began negotiations on forming a new Government, after the parliamentary defeat by a single vote of Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Hindu nationalist administration.

The Italian-born widow of Rajiv Gandhi was locked in talks on strategy for her Congress party, which must decide whether to try to form a minority Government or to seek coalition partners from more than 40 parties represented in the 545-member Lok Sabha, the lower house. Congress, the second largest party, is still 127 short of a majority.

Amid the political turmoil, and with the Stock Exchange plunging, Mrs Gandhi sent three senior party leaders to discuss with President Narayanan ways of avoiding a financial crisis.

She was holding talks last night with at least six political factions, including the Com-munists, who said they were working to resolve their difficulties over supporting Congress. The Left Front, with 48 MPs, has been supportive of Congress, but seven deputies

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Watching from the sidelines

As the Nato action in Serbia intensifies, those who were there can only wait for news and despair. Below, Lucy Hawking interviews a peace monitor and Eve-Ann Prentice speaks to three exiled Kosovans living in London

Then the order to evacuate came, monitors moved fast. Less than 24 hours after receiving the order to leave Kosovo, the team of international peace monitors were installed in an out-of-season holiday resort in Macedonia. Four days later, the bombing started.

"It's an unpleasant irony that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia made our extraction very easy." says Captain Tom Kenyon, a British member of the verification team, who has returned to the UK after spending four months in Kosovo. "In many respects, they were only too happy to see us go - the horrific thing being that as we left via the south, the tanks were rolling in from the north." Originally.

the plan had been to evacuate the monitors to Skopje, the Macedonian capital just south of the Kosovo border. In the event it was decided to take the unarmed force further still away from the threat of attack. Suddenly transplanted from a war zone to a holiday resort, the disbanded force tried to come to terms with the shock of a lightexodus ning from the province they had worked so hard to save.

"Within hours we'd gope from this very tense environment in

a largely impoverished country into a much better country. We were living in a series of hotels on the edge of a lake which had especially good trout. It was bizarre," says Kenyon.

During their stay in Macedonia, the team's only source of information about Kosovo was satellite television. From it, he learnt that some of the worked with had made it out of Kosovo. "We saw the first load of refugees come through and with joy we saw some of our interpreters being inter-

viewed." he says. But the few he knows to have escaped from the warfare in Kosovo constitute a tiny proportion of the people he be-friended and worked with during his time there. His last posting in Kosovo was in the largely Serbian enclave of Br-

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ezovica, a former ski resort. Many of the young men were called up to join the conscript army. "I'm fully aware of the effect of accurate air attacks and they'd have been directed at those conscript soldiers."

Kenyon developed good relations with people on all sides in Kosovo. His job as a moni-tor meant he spent all the daylight hours out in a bright orange armoured Land Rover, covering about 20 villages. We'd go into the villages and meet all the various dignitaries. We'd also talk to the police and the army and try to get everyone's trust."

As an army officer who specialised in reconnaissance, Kenyon had gone to Kosovo be-



Captain Tom Kenyon: "Serbs were happy to see us go"

cause he felt he had specialised skills to offer the mission. "Reconnaissance is getting information, finding out what's behind the next hill - who is there? And what do they intend to do?" says Kenyon.

When he arrived in mid-November, the reception from the local people was rapturous. "As we drove through Albanivillages, children and adults were running out and waving. It was reminiscent of the Allies driving through France in 1944." The overwhelming hospitality of the locals made his job very slow. At each house, they would be invited for coffee and burek, a type of honey cake - but only to meet the men of the family. The women, especially the young girls, stayed in a separate room. "Albanian culture keeps men and women apart,"

says Kenyon. "While the mass rapes we have heard of from Kosovo would be horrific in any culture, the fact that it has happened in such a segregated society makes it doubly so."

Listening to stories told by the families was a major part of the monitors job. "It was important for us to establish what had happened in those areas. Yet in terms of what has gone on lately, it was not thathorrendous. In an area of 10,000 people, 17 were killed over that summer. I'm not trying to excuse that but these are not enormous quantities, compared to what has happened in the last few weeks."

Officially, the monitors' remit was to verify the ceasefire brokered last summer between the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) and the Yugoslav

Government forces. In practice, their jobs encompassed wide range of activities - from helping to locate relatives held in prison, to negotiating with the police and KLA to prevent workers in the vineyards from being harassed

Getting the electricity turned back on was a regular task. "The infrastructure of the country had been completely neelected," Kenvon. roads are all worn to pieces, the sewage systems and electricity supplies are a terrible

state." In the extreme cold of Kosovo's last winter, the lack of electricity affected the monitors more acutely than it did the locals. "While the Albanians had these fantastic woodburning stoves, they would put us up in these palatial houses where the electricity kept going off." For five days over Christmas, a power cut at the house Kenyon shared with : cal conditions were severe for two other monitors meant no heat - in temperatures that around ten hours every day dropped to minus 20C - no driving their Land Rovers light and no running water. "It really was horribly cold."

The goose that a nearby vil- rapidly cooling in other ways. lage had given Kenyon for his Christmas dinner had to be cooked in a clay oven in a restaurant and then eaten cold. "We had oil lamps and a bit of the local spirit, lozar, which fortunately is pretty strong stuff," he says. While the physi-

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Main the tables

Brothers Nysret and Habib Sariqi and their cousin Musa Sariqi at work in the car wash. They came to Britain from Kosovo in the early 1990s

THE THREE YOUNG men are typical of thirtysomethings the world over Their idea of a good time is a beer in the pub, playing basketball and staying up late with friends at the weekend. Their prospects should be good: one is a philosopher, one an economist and one an electrical engineer. Yet their faces are gaunt. Ready smiles never quite reach their eyes which are etched with lines of chronic

fatigue.
The three young men are ethnic Albanians from Kosovo. Infighting between Serbs and ethnic Albanians has been at the core of many outbreaks of violence in the past, and brothers Nysret and Habib Sariqi, and their cousin Musa Sariqi, came to Britain in the early 1990s after fleeing one of the many surges of violence in the province they know as Ko-

Their homesickness has been acute, but is nothing compared with the anxiety they now feel as they sit up night after night scanning the television in the forlorn hope of glimpsTHE EXILES

ing the faces of those they love among the tidal wave of refugees flooding out of Kosovo. They are typical of thousands of their compatriots living in this country, all desperate for news about those they left behind and helpless to do more than live as close to penury as possible. This is so they can send the bulk of the money they earn washing cars and working as waiters to the finely tuned network of Albanian organisations

Nysret, Habib and Musa were doing well at their university in the Kosovan capital. Pristina. until, they say, Serb harassment and beatings forced them to leave separately between September 1992 and December 1993.

Now they are frantic for news about Nysret and Habib's mother Elhame, their sister Mejreme, and her two-and-a-half-year-old daughter Gentiana. The only glimmer of hope has been a phone call from Musa's sister-in-law Elife. The family had

Mill Hill. been forced to leave Kosovo and Elife was in hospital in the Macedonian capital, Skopje, after giving birth to a baby girl. Musa's brother Nexhmedin, 43, and nephew Safet, 16, had been

"We go through different moods." says Habib, 31. "Sometimes you feel like steel, with no feelings any more. Sometimes you feel like crying. You wonder what your family looks like if they are dead. Every minute it's a different feeling." Nysret says he can no longer see a future for his family in Kosovo, even if the refugees are eventually allowed to go home. "I had friends who were Serbs, who never did us any harm," he says. "but now l

seen in the Brazde refugee camp in

Macedonia, but she knew no more. Since then, there has been no news.

would kill them if I went back." Unlike his cousins, Musa is married. He has an 18-month-old son and his wife Igballe is pregnant with another child. They live in northwest London, just a couple of miles from the car wash business he manages in

The young men go on to describe the harassment which they say drove them from Kosovo. When the Pristina university at which he was study-ing closed in 1991, Musa began working as a taxi driver. An Albanian rights group asked him to deliver leaf-lets which were discovered during a search at a roadblock. After that constant harassment forced him to leave.

Nysret, meanwhile, was arrested af-ter taking part in student demonstrations. "The Serbs would slap you, hit you and call your mother names," says the economist. Habib says: "The police would think that every Albanian had a gun, so you had to produce one when they came to search your home, whether you owned one or not. so they could confiscate it."

Not knowing the whereabouts of their family is driving them all to distraction. Nysret says he can no longer work as a waiter "because I cannot smile any more".

the monitors, who spent along the ice-bound mountain roads, the atmosphere was The elation from when we arrived diminished. We never made false promises but we were less and less able to deliv-

er on things." The Albanians, who received a lot of Western infor-, mation, remained friendly if more distant than at first. The Serbs, however, tended to get only local Serbian television. "The only education they'd had was this blatant misinformation, so they saw us as training the KLA, and more and more began to dislike us. There were cases of children running out into the road to

stone orange vehicles." As the winter ended, violence in the villages in Kenyon's area was growing — bodies by the side of the road became a frequent sight. On one occasion Kenyon had to chase off a pack of dogs to recover a human jawbone from a skull the strays were chew ing. "Things had deteriorated in terms of death tolls, of titfor-tat murders - there had been a few massacres and in some cases legitimate attacks on KLA forces."

the beginning of March, Kenyon was sure the end for the mission was coming. Whether we'd all the guns, all the kit, didn't matter, there was not the political will to change the situation."

With the worsening diplomatic position, the presence of the monitors in Kosovo threatened to create a potential hostage situation, making their withdrawal a matter of urgency. "We'd worked out various codings for withdrawing. It was supposed to be like the D-Day landings - Broadsword calling Danny Boy sort of stuff. In reality, the commanders had a meeting, decided we weren't achieving our mission. jumped on their mobile

phones and we legged it."

Kenyon will not be returning to Kosovo with his regiment. He is leaving the Army after ten years as an officer with the Household Cavalry. One day, he says, he may return to the area he came to know so well - perhaps to help with the reconstruction of postwar Kosovo. But not yet. I would find it very difficult to go back there now," he says. "1 think the Kosovo I knew now



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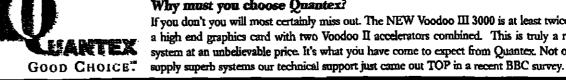
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If you could go back to any era, when would it be? I love the period of The Great Gatsby. I love the clothes and all those parties.

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and why? Takashimaya in New York is a very balanced and selective:: shop where everything is beautiful - you just want to buy it. all. Egg in London is similar but on a smaller scale. You. know it's going to be an experience going to either shop.



Who is your style icon? Frank Lloyd Wright. His use of space and light was both exceptional and inspirational.

What can you not leave the house without and why? My perfume, I created it myself. It is quite fruity with a tinge of the East. It smells like part of me.

What is your favourite city? New York. I get a real buzz as soon as I get off the plane. I love everything about it from the coffee to the people. It is phenomenal.

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nce in a while a new line of clothes comes along that makes you wonder how you managed without it. Godfrey was launched in the shops this spring and has already outsold Joseph in Liberty's.

The clothes, almost all in cottons that have been treated with glazes to make them waterproof or add sheen, appear to be simple, in the tradition of APC, but have the kind of thoughtful details that ele-

vate them miles above the rest. In fashion terms they're basics - except that now most people dress so casually that these clothes could easily solve ,the problem of everyday dressing. Shirt-jackets and aprondresses with glazed taffeta

finishes are reversible (one side matt, one side slightly shiny, both colours desirable): trousers come without side seams to make them slimming but with adjustable waist fasteners; skirts have drawstring waists, but only at the back, so that the fashion victim in you is catered for, but the front of the waistband remains liatteringly flat and your stomach does, too.

All the pieces in this mainly black, taupe, navy, white and turquoise collection are beautifully cut in that understated way that means they'll become long-term players in the wardrobe.

It was Coco Chanel the woman responsible for the first capsule ward-

robe more than 60 years ago. in black jersey — who said that beauty comes when fashion succeeds. Red Godfrey, the voluble 31-year-old designer behind Godfrey, puts it another way; "I used to get hung-up on hiventing an amazing idea that looked great on the catwalk until I realised that brilliant catwalk ideas don't necessarily make great clothes."

Despite the vaguely radical appearance — bullet-cropped hair that used to be red (hence the sobriquet; she was chris-

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tened Paula) and little sign of personal vanity (other than an unwillingness to admit that she was born in Uxbridge) she is, one suspects, profoundly sensible.

It comes as no surprise to discover that two of her favourite designs are Catseyes and the Bic ballpoint pen or that



Red Godfrey: "Brilliant catwalk ideas don't always make great clothes"

her father, a computer systems analyst, into allowing her go to fashion school. Even her choice of college was wellconsidered. "St Martins was daunting but at Ravensbourne they were obviously geared up

to getting everyone jobs." There's a logic behind Godfrey's clothes that means they really do work. She describes them as sportswear not the

active sportswear of the late Nineties, but sportswear in the tradition of US designers such as Claire McCardell, whose

tered to customers' specifications — aren't just gimmicks.

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But what makes the clothes desirable as well as practical is Godfrey's fashion eye, honed over the ten years spent working for Katharine Hamnett ("She said I was bossy"). Maria Cornejo, John Richmond, Patrick Cox, Oguri, Jigsaw . . . "It's a remarkably mixed "

CV, as she says: "One minute working with a designer who would plonk a plate of leaves on your desk and say 'there's your colour palette for next season', the next pumping out high-quality menswear for the high street. work with sequins, upside-

down crucifixes and denim and still emerged with a voice of her own. "It was good experience, but I wanted to make my own mistakes," she says. Godfrey has just narrowly

avoided one - the temptation to design about 200 products. Perhaps it was the freedom of being able to do what she wanted after years of confining her product-designing aspirations to friends' birthday cards and party invitations. Suddenly she began casting an eye over cutlery, crockery ... The problem is that once I start thinking about things, I want to change them."

As it is, she couldn't resist deienîne her own chunky metal Godfrey's functional extras clothes rails in her newlysuch as the zip adjusters, the opened shop, complete with concealed groove for the hangers. The shop, in a corner of rag-trade land, behind Oxford Street in London, is a showcase for furniture and lights by up and coming designers.

With the collection she forced herself to focus on a few ideas. "Designing for the shop made me real ise that it's no good stocking lots of different shapes in lots of different fabrics. You have to get the right

She is happy to keep producing the same cuts season after season if they work. What I want to do is design clothes that are slick but comfortable and which make life easier. In the early Nineties you could put on a suit to look smart, now it's not so straightforward - but I think that with three pairs of good trousers and a couple of the right skirts you'd have enough for 90 er cent of the time."

Recently a buyer from one of the stores she sells to asked where her millennial party dresses were. She had avoided designing any - rather astutely when you consider how many times women buy a big event outfit, and how often they buy black trousers.

There is some evening wear, but so far the Godfrey take on decorative detailing is confined to a hand-brushed image of a motorway (those Catseves had to get a look in sometwhere) that was conceived by her husband Edwin and looks striking on a skimpy black dress and top. "If the collection looks a bit minimalist," she says, "it's because that's preted at the moment. In five years the principles of simplicity will still be there, but the look will have moved on."

Although she says she does not have a "fantasy vision of how people should dress", she



Navy striped top, £124, stone cotton reversible wrap skirt, £165, turquoise suede stilettos. £135, by Joseph Azagury (017i-259 6778)

in the collection yet, but I believe that there's a place for spangles and overtly sexy dressing," she says.

In fact, she wore a sparkly dress two years ago when she married Ed. Conveniently, his last name is Godfrey, too, so

form. There may not be any sign her passport signature. I told you she was sensible.

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Not only was he mobbed, but he could, he now says, have charged £500 a head and still they would have flocked Granted, the money went to help the rehabilitation of addicted prisoners. but even so, no one could have predicted the Eng-lishwoman's new-found propensity for

lavishing money on her hair. Now comes news that Sheryl Crow had decided that only one man in the world is to be entrusted with her newly shorn locks - the man responsible for cutting them in the first place. I can personally vouch for the talents and niceness of Joel Gonçalves. So trustworthy is his face, so reassuring his Scouse-Portuguese patter. that it's all too easy to drop your normal guard in the face of approaching scissors.

emerge an hour later to discover almost all your hair on the floor. Even so, I'm agog at the largesse of

Crow's record company which is now picking up the bill for him to fly to wherever their star might be in the US, as well as making up the shortfall in his earnings while he is absent from the Mayfair branch

of John Frieda for two days. He estimates that A&M won't see much change out of £6,000 and now that she has the kind of haircut that requires trimming at least every six weeks, it's easy to see how the company's profits might take a dip.

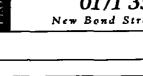
Women have long known that in the absence of organised religion. hairdressing salons are the next best thing to a confessional. But perhaps the real point is that in these times when most celebrities tend not to wear too many diamonds or furs a really expensive hairdresser is becoming the last refuge of the big spender.

■ On a more accessible note, the rather elegant Martha Grahamesque look that Donna Karan manages to achieve on her

catwalk is - apart from the ravishingly beautiful models she uses - achieved with the double hair bands that scoop back their hair. Previously achievable only with plenty of time and a star hairdresser at your disposal, the look is now relatively available on a high street near you, thanks to Johnnie and Rosie's bra bands. £5.99 from a selection of department stores (Hennes does a version for £1.99). In half a dozen colours, these double, stretchy straps fasten round the head

like a bra strap. Buying them is only the start of the bat-tle, however. There's a knack, inevitably, to using them successfully: place both straps on the hair line, fasten, then gently slide the back strap back along the hair to a position that's comfortable. But once it's mastered, they're a chic solution to short hair, long hair, greasy hair, floppy hair and a good alternative to flowery, sparkly clips.

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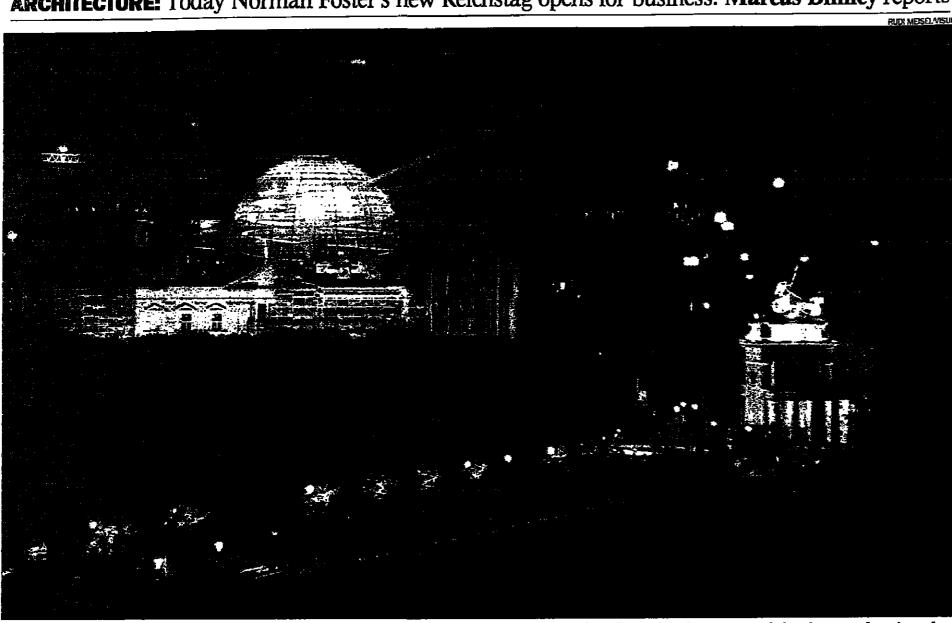
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ARCHITECTURE: Today Norman Foster's new Reichstag opens for business. Marcus Binney reports



United they stand: Norman Foster's converted Reichstag directs its xenon light beams towards the Brandenburg Gate. Below, the reconstructed glass dome seen from the roof

ever before has a parliament been designed to be so open and accessible in its workings as Sir Norman Foster's new Reichstag. Torched by Hitler in 1933 and bombarded by the Russians in 1945, the Reichstag was reconstructed in the 1960s as government offices. Now Foster has scooped out the shell to restore the original logic of the classical building, its mirror symmetry, its vistas and enfilades, its generous spaces and lofty proportions. In designing this E200 mil-lion new home for Germany's

n62 Members of Parliament (MdBs), he and his colleagues have had the rare advantage of being able to refine the ideals of the handsome new parliament building in Bonn by Behnisch, which was nearing completion as they began.

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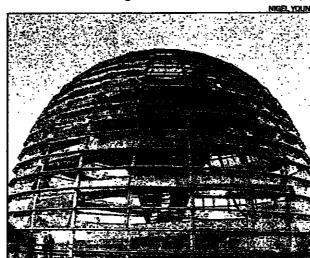
ner at Foster's in charge of the project, explains: "They liked the intimacy of the chamber at look again at Greek amphithethe Commons and the sense of atres which were not a comoccasion when it was packed plete circle and were used as for a big vote." At Bonn, Behpolitical forums," Nelson says. The Foster solution is to cut off nisch had designed a circular chamber — symbol of the demthe back of the circle and to introduce facing seats on a closocratic ideal, but pushing

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some members almost behind er, shallower arc. The problem desktops for only the first six rings of seats. While in theory these seats are pre-assigned. members can move forward to take up empty places towards the front. "The idea is to create a chamber within a chamber," says Nelson. This sense of enclosure is increased by suspending the gallery seats for the public well out into the chamber like the grand circle of a theatre.

A special feature of the Bundestag are the very large "faction" rooms or debating cham-

bers, seating 300 or more, where individual political parties thrash out policy in closed session before debates. Party leaders and elected members can emerge from different faction rooms into a huge open press gallery above the debating chamsoldiers is

Foster's trump preserved ? card has long been the brilliant way he brings

light into his buildings. Here he was constrained by the solid masonry walls. Though the debating chamber has windows on two sides into internal courtyards, Foster wanted natural light to flood down from above. He achieves this by an extraordinary form of conical light scoop with 300 mirrors which even on a dull day reflect daylight into every

part of the chamber. Sunlight streaming in from above enlivens the spirit, but with a clear glass dome it was essential to avoid glare. So a special sunshade, powered by photovoltaic cells which collect

energy on the roof, can be the main podium. "It made us of a sparsely populated cham- drawn round the inside of the ber is dealt with by providing dome when necessary. The evening sun or low winter sun

into the chamber. Once Foster had decided on a dome he was determined it should be no empty gesture. The public walk up inside on interweaving spiral ramps one up and one down — as in the Loire château of Chambord (Leonardo da Vinci is said to have invented this type of double stair for a brothel, so customers arriving would not meet those departing). As the ramp has a gentle incline it is also fully accessible

to wheelchair us-Up to 1,000 people can be ascending and descending this enthralling space — a number

governed not by the strength of the spectacular freefloating ramps, but by the availability of lifts and stairs to the roof. Without question this provides one of the world's best sky-

walks. The Reichstag looks out over a glorious sea of trees extending into the distance. No matter that it is nothing like as high as the Eiffel Tower or the Empire State -- Berlin is largely a low-rise city.

The surprise at the very top is to find the central eye of the dome open to the elements, like the Pantheon in Rome, allowing the rain to cascade in (it all disappears neatly into drains and circles under the ramps). The central oculus also has a raised halo, an ingenious device which stops a strong wind blowing air - or snow — into the dome.



Tales from the heart

rom Beautiful Thing through Babies to his iffy new Hushabye Mountain, there has been something deliantly goodnatured about Jonathan Harvey's work. He writes healing plays about the gay life and about the relationship between homo and hetero. He seems to want to build bridges across the Brit-ish class divide, too. The trouble is that the ointment with which he heals has sometimes been adulterated with sugar. So has the concrete with which he and his bridges link the worlds of nob, snob, slob and yob.

Sentimentality spoils

Hushabye Mountain, but
does not ruin it. I liked Paul Miller's production for the **English Touring Company** in NW3 in the spring more than when I caught it in wintry Crewe. The design still looks like a half-built greenhouse forlornly in search of a tomato plant or two, but the cast has sharpened. Its finest scene — gay and straight couples furiously ex-posing their own sexual in-adequacies at what's meant to be a nice dinner - might have been jointly written by Albee and Ayckbourn. It shows that, when he wants. Harvey can crack the dramatic whip. Too often, though, the

whip is made of chintz. Even those with a taste for camp will be embarrassed by the opening scene, which occurs in a spoof heaven where a Julie Andrews clone proffers fairy dust, an-gels dish out fluffy wings. and a parody Judy Garland circles in a boat beneath cotton-wool clouds. Instantly you wonder if Harvey can have anything serious to say about the latest arrival: Andrew Lincoln's Danny. who has succumbed to Aids, leaving his partner, Stuart Laing's Connor, too bereft to cope with another lover and Aids-sufferer. Nick Bagnall's Ben.

fit happily into classically pro-Actually, Harvey does That apart, this rates as an have serious matters for us to ponder: the bonds that inspired rebirth of one of the most traumatised political inlink the dying or dead and stitutions of our times. Layers the guiltily alive; the emofact that Aids is no longer cluding graffiti scrawled by quite the killer-disease it once was. Moreover, his quick switches of time now

THEATRE Hushabye Mountain Hampstead.

seem less confusing and more functional. Suddenly to replace Ben with Danny at a table, or vice versa, is to say something about the power of past grief and remorse over present hope. Nevertheless, you keep

asking yourself questions. Why does everyone idealise Danny so? Why has he rejected his poor, mad mother, Elizabeth Estensen's Beryl. and why is she intermittently transformed into Judy Garland? And though



Destination Heaven: Andrew Lincoln (Danny)

David Kennedy and (especially) Rose Keegan give wonderfully funny performances as a Cockney bike-courier and his eagerly twittering middle-class girl, are they always credible? It says much for Harvey's warmth that the former is a salt-ofthe earth type who tearfully tells his brother Connor he's ace and his brother's dying lover he's as good as a win on the lottery: "You've made him the happiest man on God's earth." I am not so convinced it says a lot for tional implications of the his observation of our sac divided world.

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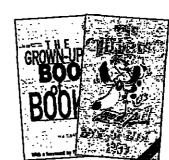
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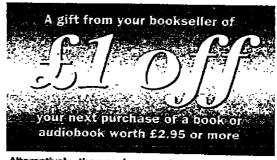
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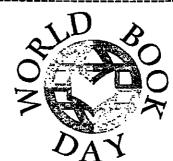
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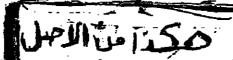
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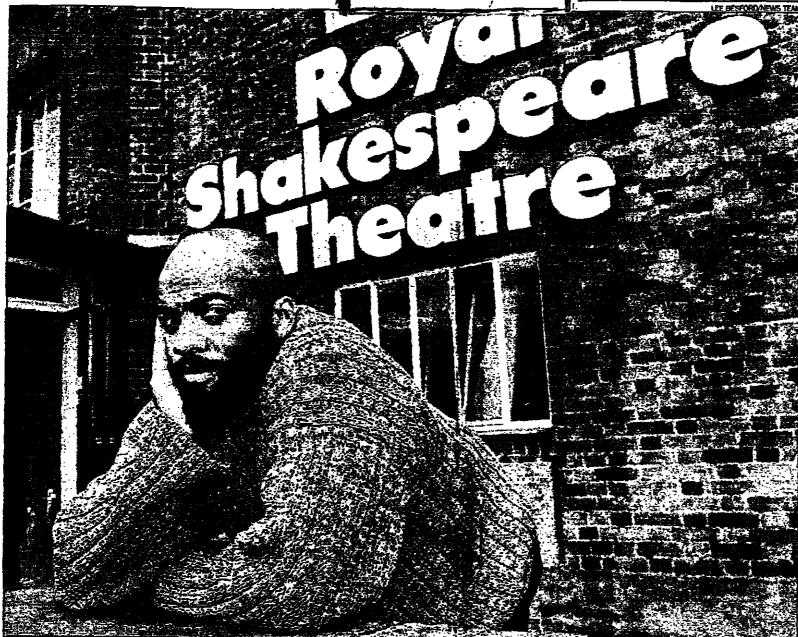
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"Othello is a very difficult part," says Ray Fearon, who tackles the role with the RSG this week. "There is a danger of burning your flame too early"

A sign of maturity

ast season Ray Fearon played Romeo for the Royal Shakespeare Company. A passionate, earnest boy, out of his depth in a grown-up world of love and violence, he was convincingly desperate and even noble. Now he is cast as the RSC's Othello, matched again with his Juliet, Zoe Waites, and directed once more by Michael Attenborough. But wait. Isn't he too young for the part? Does he have sufficient authority. the necessary gravitas for Shakespeare's tragic hero?

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When Fearon arrives at the RSC's Clapham rehearsal rooms after his regular morning run, he is barely recognisable as the boyish actor who, it is said, set teenage hearts aflutter during the Romeo and Juliet tour. He is commonly referred to as "a hunk", but he now cuts a more substantial figure and he is sporting a beard. "We had to do the posters ages ago," he explains, "and Michael asked me to have some idea how I intended to look, so I shaved my head and grew a beard." The result is

an impression of maturity. There is certainly nothing tentative about his manner, either. As we cross Clapham High Street to have lunch at the local tapas bar he says "I will stop the traffic for you", raises his hand and a line of trucks grinds obediently to a halt. Doubts vanish. This is a man who won't have any trouble quelling the rioters in Cyprus and carrying off the order: "Keep up your bright swords."

Age is not, he says, a prerequisite for the part of Othello. "He is a general and a fighting one at that. We have, as it happens, cut the line about the 'vale of years', but it wouldn't make any difference if it were there. He is insecure at that point: he is black and he's aware of the distance between himself and THEATRE: He set young hearts aflutter as Romeo. Now Ray Fearon has changed his

image for Othello, as Heather Neill discovers

know the

truth?

Desdemona, who is very young. But after all, she is, as Iago says, a 'supersubtle Venetian; she wouldn't fall for an old man. She is one of the strongest characters in the play: she stands up in the Senate before the Duke and goes to war to join Othello."

Fearon is 31 now and when he took on Romeo he said that playing a much younger character was the hardest thing he had had to do. He was already used to princes and gener-

als and had even played Othello at 24, although he would prefer not to talk about that. "It's just that it has no bearing on the way I'm doing now." he explains. Fearon is an RSC veter-

an - this is his fourth season since 1993 — and he has benefited from the system. He has graduated reasonably quickly to

leading roles and learnt much from senior members of the company, including how to tackle the verse, having taken masterclasses from John Barton and Adrian Noble. "People are unfair to the RSC; it is doing a hell of a lot for young actors." With insufficient training opportunities in regional theatre, pressure falls on the major companies. Fearon says that he was unusually lucky in that he cut his dramatic teeth

in Oxford, Liverpool and Manchester. The Fearon career curve is scarcely typical, however. The fifth of seven children, he began to get work in television commercials when he was still at school in West London. Opportunities rolled in — he was in Caryl Churchill's Serious Money, for instance — but he decided he "didn't know enough" about his profession and went belatedly to drama school in his early twenties. "I deliberately went out of London - to Rose Bruford College in Kent - so that I wouldn't be tempted to take

jobs." He paid his way by training to be a tennis This is a coach. He had played in the England junior team and says that life might play about have been very different if the Greater London wanting to Council had not ceased to exist and funding for young players dried up. Fearon laughs when re-

> was wrong. Othello is a very difficult part. There is a danger of burning your flame too early. It hurtles at such a pace, you could run out of steam. You could be tempted to think you're on the right track and, after the jealousy

scene, go mad and shout." He is aware of the need for a sense of balance. "I don't want to overplay the race card, to go overboard. Othello is an outsider, but he does really love Desdemona, has been invited to her father's house, and whatever is said about him, he's the best man for the job

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and he knows it. As a soldier used to war he is going into unfamiliar territory. He and lago have fought together, confided in each other, perhaps saved each other's lives. Iago is a married man; it's natural that Othello would take the advice of a more experienced man. Othello is open and honest, but then jealousy becomes an addiction. It is a play about wanting to know the truth. He must have proof, but he never stops loving Desdemona. At the end he is right, though; he never has been

earon is very much aware of the power of the language, noting that Othello lapses into prose when he is out of control and that he "catches" Jago's choice of bestial comparisons when his mind has been poisoned by him. The play is intense, "like a pressure cooker. The language has to do the work; it's not easy, but it's worth the adventure. Othello is like a pendulum, swings one way and then another; after the fit (which I think is a sort of panic attack) he contradicts himself from line to line. He changes his own mind."

As a young actor tackling one of the great roles, Fearon couldn't be happier. love Shakespeare. These parts are so huge, so deep, they make you question yourself all the time." Ten years ago the opera singer Willard White played Othello in an RSC production directed by Trevor Nunn for The Other Place in Stratford and the Young Vic in London. But Fearon says proudly: "I am the next black person to Paul Robeson to play the part on the main Stratford stage. And to me that is an honour." Othello opens at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford (01789-295623) on Wednesday

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night of Unanswered Questions. First came Charles Ives's work of that name. Then the questing gestures of Carl Ruggles, and finally Bruckner's Ninth Sym-phony, his farewell to life, its closing movement unwritten. No two concert-halves could have been more contrasted. Ives and Ruggles passed like brief apparitions, while, under Michael Tilson Thomas, the Bruckner was vast, solid and

full of straight lines.

The almost military precision with which he marshalled this reading threw a naked light on the work. His was not the slow, inevitable unfolding of a Haitink. He drew attention to the moments when the music stops, its apparent non-sequiturs, closed doors and cul-de-sacs. This was no sense of a stream of consciousness: rather, rank upon rank of sequences, calling to mind the leaves that Bruckner counted on trees.

With an orchestra of the quality of the London Symphony, this approach can be invigorating: a restrained opening broke into a glorious smile for the song-like outpouring. Such beauty of sound and control of phrasing makes its impact, especially in the context of an impressive range of timbres.

A melodramatic

gramme note warned that the cherzo and Trio was "musical madness", but here there was a well-behaved psychopath at work. One couldn't wish for music more packed with premonition. In its terrify-

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ing hammer blows and mercurial dances a modern audience hears Shostakovich; in the filigree trio, up pops Prokofiev. Winds were pristine, and brass, though coping with the strains imposed by Wagner tu-bas, responded splendidly. From the expansive to the soul of concision. Ives's Unas-

wered Question never ceases to astonish with its deft, disjunct originality. An off-stage string group intone diatonic music (here marred by sharp lower strings), a lone trumpet calls into the emptiness while four winds on stage conduct a hectic dialogue. The listener has the weird sensation of hearing three ages of music simultaneously: one rooted in Western harmony, one a Ro-mantic utterance, the last a fierce questioning of both. Ruggles's first Evocation be-

longed to the same world, its delicate dissonances hanging like a veil behind which the music explores itself at an unhurried pace. In the energetic arguments one could hear the influence of Schoenberg (Rug-gles changed his name from Charles to Carl to sound more German). But there is freshness and modesty behind his airy, angular lines.

HELEN WALLACE

Master pianist in Romantic mood

ven though he is a regular visitor to London. the Italian pianist Maurizio Pollini never fails to fill the Festival Hall. He could probably play anything - in-deed, he has one of the widest repertoires in the business and still draw a big, adoring

But a turnout smaller than this would have been surprising, given a programme consisting of Schubert and Schumann, two gentle giants of the piano literature. These two composers also represent a logical way forward after Pollini's recent cycle of the complete Beethoven sonatas.

en Pollini renewed energy and focus: some of the concerts in that epic cycle had found him slightly weary, but here he sounded fresh again, at least for most of the evening. There were a few bumpy moments in the heady finale of Schubert's Sonata in B flat, D960, and passages in the elusive first movement that may have been a little one-dimensional. But

humanity. Here, as in his other late oiano works, Schubert was pushing the boundaries of the sonata forward. When you consider all the emotional pain he was enduring at the time, the first movement can sound miraculously calm; perhaps Pollini was justified in finding a

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sense of solemn foreboding here, but real calm was established only with the recapitulation, in which the opening theme reappeared transformed by what had come in between. Pollini made the sad, hesitant music of the second movement the heart of the work.

Schumann's seldom-played Allegro in B minor, Op 8, started life as the opening of a sonata, and here the form is even freer. It is really rhapsodic, a melting pot of strong and passionate ideas. Pollini's interpretation was full of ardour, and each of the themes was fully characterised.

Perhaps the highlight of the evening was Schumann's Fantasie in C, Op 17, given a performance of freedom and tenderness. Parts of the opening movement found Pollini in full flood, just as he was again in the first of his encores. Chopin's Ballade No 1, but he dampened things down in the eeric middle section. The imposing second movement bristled with excitement, and the introverted finale had songlike simplicity. Truly satisfy ing Schumann like this is the

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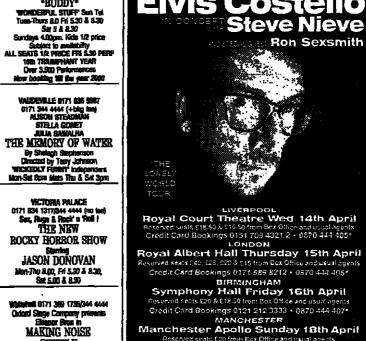
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The Queen avoids a Scots quagmire

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The "modernisation" of the monarchy is about to take an intriguing new twist. The Government's constitutional reform programme has been keenly followed in Buckingham Palace. The proposals — the Human Rights Act, Lords reform, devolution and so on — swirl around the Royal Family without challenging their position. Claims that removing hereditary peers from the Lords is bound to threaten the future of the monarchy are not shared. But a potentially far-reaching, though so far largely ignored. change in the prerogative powers is about to occur in Scotland.

The royal prerogative is a misnomer, since most of the powers — public appointments, ratifying treaties and the like — are made by the Prime Minister and other ministers in the name of the Crown. Tony Benn has for long been campaigning (now with the backing of an all-party group) to make these executive prerogatives subject to parliamentary approval. But the Crown retains some personal prerogatives, notably the appointment of a Prime Minister and over the dissolution of Parliament.

In most cases, the role of the monarch is a formality. A general election produces a clear-cut result, or a Prime Minister retires and is replaced by a leader elected by the party. But it has

not always been so straightforward. Several times this century, the monarchy has been involved in controversy - including the long con-stitutional battles of 1909-11, the appointment of Baldwin in 1923, the formation of the National Government in 1931, and the selection of Macmillan in 1957 and

The monarch was in danger of being drawn into highly partisan arguments, rather standing above the party fray. The Tories' decision to elect their leader from 1965 onwards removed the Crown from many such situations. but not all. Four general elections since 1945 have produced no overall majority, or single-figure majorities, resulting in uncertainty about who should be Prime Minister or when a fresh election should be called. There are no public guidelines: only the overriding priority of advisers in Whitehall and Buckingham Palace not to drag the monarchy into partisan controversy. The way out has usually been obvious.

That would all change if Britain shifted from first-pastthe-post to proportional repre-For most of the time, no party would be able to command a majority on its own. Elsewhere in Europe, lengthy negotiations often occur before coalitions are formed. Under existing British conventions. the monarchy would have to balance conflicting claims.

As Vernon Bogdanor has written in his authoritative The Monarchy and the Constitution: "New rules would need to be developed to reflect the new realities of political power and to ensure that the impartiality of the Sovereign was preserved." That is exactly what will arise in Scotland after the elections for the new parliament on May 6, when Labour is likely to fall short of an overall majority.

Most continental countries

with monarchies have devised ways of protecting the Sover-eign from political involve-ment — whether through the appointment of informateurs (as in Belgium or The Netherlands) to negotiate with party leaders, or (as in Sweden) to withdraw entirely from government formation. In Britain, David Butler and Peter Hennessy have suggested the publi-cation of principles and more open consultation, though Professor Bogdanor believes that no such device could deal with unpredictable crises or conflicts of principle. Hence, the Sovereign should remain as the impartial umpire, free of party ties. I am sceptical about whether the monarchy can safeguard its essential role as a detached head of state while also a political umpire. The mystery, and some of the romance, have already gone and could not withstand the 24-hour media pressures of a constitutional crisis.

This dilemma is resolved

neatly, but radically, under Clause 46 of the Scotland Act: The Parliament shall nominate one of its members for appointment as First Minister." Election would be by a series of roll-call votes, in which names would be eliminated until one candidate had

> the support of a simple majority. The successful candidate would be recommended by the presiding officer (or Speaker) to the Queen for appointment. So the formalities of the prerogative would be preserved. The appointment ministers by the First Minister will

also have to be agreed by the parliament before formal approval by the Queen. Yet, curiously, the issue surfaced only briefly in the Commons, and hardly at all in the Lords. during the lengthy consideration of the Devolution Bill last

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This is an important constitutional innovation - very different, for example, from the old Stormont, where the Governor was involved in picking the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland. Of course, many questions remain: what happens if a coalition falls apart midway through the fixed four-year term of the parliament and there is a stalemate about electing a successor? And, as Tam Dalyell pointed out with typical sensitivity to constitutional niceties, what happens if there is conflicting advice to the Queen from the First Minister in Edinburgh and the Prime Minister in London?

Devolution is strewn with potential traps and contradictions but the Government and Buckingham Palace have shrewdly avoided one of the most dangerous. In the process, they have created a preceadopts proportional representation and when Britain moves to a more formal written constitution. The monarchy is again showing itself skilful at adapting to survive.

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Keep out and stay out

do not believe that Nato ought to engage in a ground war in Kosovo, and think it unlikely that it will do so. The military difficulties would be immense, the additional suffering would be terrible, the objectives would be hard to define, the outcome would be uncertain, Nato casualties might be heavy, as were American casualties in Vietnam, Russian in Alghanistan and German in Yugoslavia during the Second World War. These are reasons for thinking it would be a mistake to send in ground troops, but they are not the main reason for thinking it will not actually happen. A Balkan war would require more unity than Nato could give it.

or an Anglo-American war. It is a Nato war. The base of public support for a ground war has to be European. The more closely one examines European opinion, the clearer it becomes that the unity of Nato extends only to the bombing campaign: it could not expect to be maintained if there were a ground invasion of Yugoslavia. Two of the smaller Nato coun-

This is not just an American war,

tries. Greece and Hungary, would find it politically almost impossible to provide Nato with invasion facilities, though Hungary borders on the north Yugoslav plain, and Greece borders on the new Macedo-nia. Hungary would be inhibited by concern for the large ethnic Hungarian minority in the Vojvodina region of Serbia.

Greece has a longstanding national sympathy for Serbia, and hostility to Macedonia and Albania. The last thing Greece wants is a greater Albania. Greece initially opposed the international recognition of the new Macedonia, and remembers ethnic interventions in its own civil war. Last Thursday a crowd of several thousand threw stones at the American. British and Italian Embassies in Athens. Their slogans included "Americans, murderers of peoples"

and "Greece, out of Nato". Greece and Hungary are important because they are so close to the action, but the large European countries of France, Germany and Italy are obviously more important. Italy has a Centre-Left Government dependent on Communist votes.

So far, the Italians have been willing to support the Nato bombing campaign, which has depended heavily on Italian facilities. Yet even this has been politically difficult. Like the Greeks, the Italians want an early negotiated settlement:

A ground invasion of Kosovo would

be a disaster for a divided Nato

they do not want a ground war. We know most about the divided attitudes of the French Government. Le Monde, on Saturday, had a surprisingly full report of last Thursday's meeting of ministers. The three Communist ministers condemned Milosevic, but called for a rapid diplomatic solution, in line with the Russian position. The Interior Minister, Jean-Pierre Chevenement, repeated his scepticism about the Nato strategy itself. and called for UN intervention. Two ministers

did, indeed, call for ground action to aide the Kosovans, because thought the bombing ineffective; other ministers supported the Nato strategy, but also expressed doubts about its effectiveness. Alain Richard, the Minister of Defence, gave further details of the difficulties of the Nato strategy, but assured his colleagues that patience would be re-

warded. The Prime Minister, Lionel Jospin. then summed up. He considered that the conduct of Milosevic justified France's stand on the side of Nato: he supported a political response through the UN, but added: "A diplomatic solution would be as difficult and complex as the military action." Le Monde's own leading article on Saturday was headed La Risque de la Défaite.

The German Government has already come close to breaking Nato's apparent unity with its plan for a negotiated peace, to be based on the United Nations, and to be brokered by the Russians. This plan has been developed by Joschka Fischer, the leader of the Greens and the German Foreign Minister: it would involve a ceasefire while negotiations were being completed. The Greens, at least in Brussels, believe that the Fischer plan has been deliberately blocked by Britain and the United States. Undoubtedly the attitudes of

these Governments reflect public opinion and the advice of their own defence staff. They are much influenced by concerns about Russia: the German and French Governments are in more or less continuous conversations with the Russian Government. Last week the Russian Minister of Defence, Igor Sergeyev, accused Nato of preparing an imminent ground war against Yugoslavia. One of the unexpected revelations of the opening of Russian Cold War documents has been

how seriously the old Soviet Union feared an American invasion. Russia is again very sensitive. The main European governments want Russia as a diplomatic ally for a negotiated peace, not as an arms supplier to Serbia in the middle of a war. Tony Blair has

repeated ruled out

the use of ground troops, as has Al Gore, the Vice-President of the United States. That may have been a tactical mistake, in that it removed one of the pressures on Milosevic. Never-

the option of ground war. One of the arguments now being advanced in favour of a ground invasion is that Nato must be seen to win; this is most frequently heard in the United States. Yet it would be even more disastrous if Nato were

to fall apart. A negotiated settlement, perhaps leading to the parti-tion of Kosovo, would not destroy Nato, which has already survived the compromise over Bosnia in the Dayton accord. there, available for defence on other threatening occasions. A split between the Nato of the Anglo-Americans and the Nato of Europe would

theless, it may also have been a political necessity. Nato may simply have been unwilling to leave open

The power of Nato would still be mean that the alliance had broken up, no doubt with much ill-will on both sides. Britain herself could not enter a ground war without deep political misgivings and division. not fall. The coalitions in power in France, Germany and Italy would all be likely to break up on this issue, if the invasion happened.

but the Blair Government would

In yesterday's Sunday Times. Bill Clinton seemed to reformulate the Nato objectives as seen from Washington. He asserted that: "The realisation of this vision will require a democratic transition in Serbia itself, for the region cannot be secure with a belligerent tyrant in its midst." This is not the existing Nato war aim, nor could it conceivably be attained without a successful and massive invasion of the whole of Yugoslavia, the forcible removal of Milosevic and the imposition of a new Constitution. The Nato bombing has already guaranteed that Milosevic would win any ordinary democratic election.

resident Clinton's new aims not only go well beyond anything that the United Nations has approved, but beyond anything Nato has approved, or would approve. If the elimination of Milosevic were made the condition for ending the war. Yugoslavia would be faced with a demand for unconditional surrender. All the European and Russian efforts to reach a negotiated settlement for the withdrawal of Serbian troops and the return of the refugees would be in vain; Nato has to negotiate with Milosevic or it will have nobody to negotiate with. The American President should not take the rest of Nato for granted.

At present, British and American opinion, shocked by the plight of the refugees, dismayed by the political ineffectiveness of the bombing, seems to be moving in favour of invasion. This movement of opinion is not shared on the Continent. I doubt if it could be relied on even here or in the United States if the troops did actually go in. The Americans are very sensitive to American casualties, and they remember Vietnam. The British have been horrified by the television pictures of human suffering, but television is a short-term, high-impact, medium in which new images constantly obliterate the old ones. At present the emotional case for a Balkan war seems very powerful, but, as Robert Walpole said of war with Spain in 1739: "They now ring the bells, but they will soon wring their hands."

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Pound foolish

TWO new members of the lottery aristocracy have been spurned by Courts. Laura and Lucy Gibney, respectively a harmaid and factory worker from Grimsby, naturally turned to the Queen's bankers after they received £1 million apiece last July from the E7.5 million win of Roy, their father.

But Courts treated the teenagers with such snootiness. I hear, that they took their business elsewhere. "The girls were treated extremely badly." I am told. "Some horrible toff talked to them as if they were idiots. So the girls went to another high street bank instead."

AS AN ecletic mix of protesters led by Tony Benn and Arthur Scargill gathered tardily in Hyde Park over the weekend for an anti-Nato demonstration, one straight-faced steward said to another: "I blame those wretched anarchists for the late start. They never do what they are told."

SOPHIE RHYS-JONES (below left) has been pad-hunting in Mandelsonland. The future Mrs Windsor is considering buying a base in London to complement Bagshot Park, her marital mansion in Surrey, and has been inspecting properties in Artesian Road.

The W2 address would mean that the royal couple would have Henry Dent Brocklehurst and Lili Maltese, his wife (right), living in the same street. But, more pertinently. Artesian Road meets Northumberland Place, where Geoffrey Robinson helped Peter Mandelson to buy the exquisite terraced house which cost him his job.



that neck of the woods, they will have also made a very good investment indeed. The neighourhood is expected to become even more sought-after once Notting Hill, the movie with Hugh Grant and Julia Roberts filmed in the quartier, is released.

WILLIAM HAGUE was handed a blue starflower by the local branch of the Cancer Research Campaign in his Richmond powerhase during the weekend. The flower, the charity's new logo. is used in homoeopathic circles as a cure for melancholy.

■ BAD news for Beryl Bainbridge makes me wonder why Patricia Hewitt risked political embarrassment by allegedly arranging for her son to jump the queue for a North London school.

Charlie. Bainbridge's grandson. has been a pupil at William Ellis, Hewitt Jr's new alma mater, but has just been turned down by Oxford. He was hoping to have read English and history, but will now be studying at Warwick University instead.



LORD BRAGG needs some stamina to remain a Renaissance man. On Wednesday evening he watched Arsenal, his team, play Man U and then dissected the game with friends until midnight. But at 9 o'clock the next morning. Bragg popped up on Radio 4 for half an hour discussing Darwinian evolution with two of the world's experts on the subject.

TONY BLAIR'S campaign to dilute the preponderance of white. middle-aged, heterosexual men in public life has spread to the frontiers. The PM has been notice ing that the Foreign Office's "greeters and meeters" - retired sorts who welcome foreign dignitaries off their aeroplanes at Heathrow give the impression that Britain is run by a bunch of old duffers. To liven up HMG's handshakers. Blair has seen that Shahwar Sadeque, a British-Muslim and former BBC governor, has joined their ranks.

EDWARD WELSH

It's spring, Boris Yeltsin is back in his shell and all's right with the world. Suddenly, Russia is seeming like a friendly old bear again

t is finally spring in Russia. Not the grey slush, freezing rain and bleak skies kind of spring that seems to bring such joy to Russians and such bafflement to foreigners ("Ooooh, spring!" they say excitedly when the black snow at the side of the roads starts to slosh on to the pavement), but real spring, with birdies singing and buds on the trees and the President back on his throne.

At the end of winter the mood of your Russian lightens and he pulls all the insulation out of the gaps in the windows and starts doing what he does best, which is enjoy himself. Boris Yeltsin is a prime example of this. The moment the clocks went forward and the icicles began to drop off everyone's balconies (many serious injuries) he bounced back from the dead, slung around

and nationalists (who thought they were on to a good thing under Prime Minister Primakov) in their tracks, and set about

having a really good time. The relish with which he swilled back a glass of champagne with that icon to vulgarity Alla Pugacheva the other day in the Kremlin while her ludicrous boy husband looked sheepishly on (Fillip Kirkorov recently flooded the airwaves with his hit Oi Mama, chica dam) was a clear sign to everyone that spring was in the air. Never mind all the wintry reports that the President had been having trouble walking, he practically ran into the room to sweep the unsuspecting pop star off her feet.

Suddenly everyone is making an occasion of everything. All the birthday parties held over the winter were slightly hysterical some heavy-handed hints and affairs at which the object was to a more relaxed manner, bring-threats, stopped the communists stave off the chill by drinking as ing huge bouquets of spring

much as possible as quickly as possible. This desperation is typified by the song Vstavai Nalivai, which involves a short verse asking who around the table was born in January, February. March and so on and then another verse forcing them to stand up and empty their glass to the cheers of

everyone else. If it is your birthday, the person with the guitar/accordion returns to your month over and over until you can no longer either stand or pour, as the song demands. Now, though, the need to

lighten the atmosphere with drink has diminished slightly and people are loaling around the city's restaurants and cafes in



flowers to stand at the head of the birthday table. Spring toasts seem longer and even more sincere, smiles less drunken and the air inside less fetid. An English visitor moved the table at a Georgian restaurant

last week to joyous tears with his largely ironic (and admittedly shoddily translated) toast dedicated to

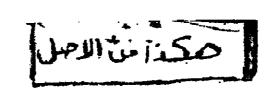
the Russian writers he had known and loved and his pleasure at walking in their very footsteps. This inspired the Russian guests to leap up and start reciting Pushkin, much to the cynical Englishman's confusion. But as they said their poems the Georgian musicians played sad mountain songs and couples got up from their tables to dance. Russians will take any opportunity not to think about the economic crisis, the war in Kosovo, the President's possible impeachment, or anything remotely pertaining to the dismal, and a few rays of sunshine through the gloom are enough to set them off dancing, drinking and singing until next winter.

Indeed, every winter a kind of depressive pessimism sneaks into people's souls, foreigners not excepted, and newspaper reports talk of revolution, civil war and the end of Russia as we know it. Doom-monger politicians insist that the only reason the populace is not demonstrating on the streets is because it is cold, and that the moment the sun comes out the Government will really have something to answer for. The communists and nationalists, who as we know love nothing better than a bit of popularity-boosting adversity. are beside themselves with win-

try glee predicting Yeltsin's impeachment, an upsurge of support for Serbia and general apocalypse. While the snow keeps falling and the grey horizon is punctuated only by a few blackened trees, it is hard not to believe them. But now Yeltsin is back in his

shell and all's right with the world. Suddenly, under Boris Nikolayevich's command, Russia is already seeming like a friendly old bear again, the Red-Browns are beginning to look a bit foolish (their forte) and the World Bank and the IMF are putting their hands back in their pockets to help out. Most people are far too busy renovating their dachas for the summer to start messing around demonstrating and Yeltsin is far too busy effecting yet another spectacular political comeback to let them.

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THETTIMES

ON TWO FRONTS

George Robertson to tougher cross-examination than they have had so far. Yesterday MPs heard Tony Blair repeat that "the important thing is to see the strategy we have through". By that he means the air war: but the more mass graves Nato identifies, the faster the Serbs empty Kosovo, the more civilians get hurt and the greater the damage to civil infrastructure, the harder it will be to present bombing as the sole means to the necessary end.

The Prime Minister and the Defence Secretary have edged towards acknowledging that; in the past few days, both have gone on record that "we keep every single option under review". The Foreign Secretary, by contrast, has been at pains to dampen any expectations that a land campaign is seriously in prospect. Only vesterday, he insisted that Nato would need two to three months to build up the forces required and added that the Alliance was not prepared for the heavy casualties that an opposed land offensive would entail. The Government must speak with one voice today - and the voice should be that of Mr Blair and his Defence Secretary.

Firmness and clarity of purpose are vital, because Nato is in for a longer, tougher and more ferocious war than most MPs expected four weeks ago. The campaign has to be fought on two fronts, political as well as military. The abominable forced exodus from Kosovo rallied support for Nato throughout Europe and America; but in the past few days. Nato's continued and inexcusable failure to disclose the full truth about the bombed Kosovo convoy has rendered the political front less steady.

The incident has further dented public confidence, never strong, in the efficacy of relying solely on air power to force Slobodan Milosevic to halt the atrocities and pull his forces out. In Britain, opinion

The politics of the Kosovo campaign mass.

Today's debate on Kosovo in the House of Commons will expose Robin Cook and Caorge Robertson to tougher cross-examinating troops. Ministers must be prepared publicly to address the critical question, which is whether the Alliance's so far remarkable degree of unity would crack under a change of strategy. They would be well advised not to evade it in today's debate, for this Friday in Washington. Nato's long-planned 50th anniversary summit will force the least nuance of disagreement into the open.

> There is no point in pretending that none exists, within as well as between Nato governments. In Germany, the readiness of Joschka Fischer, the Foreign Minister, to override pacifist sentiment in his own Green Party has been a small political miracle; but he embarrassed EU leaders last week with a plan, which they hurriedly stifled, that included a 24-hour "negotiating pause" to the bombing. In Greece, an indispensable logistical base for any ground offensive, the Government faces a surge of anti-Americanism. In France, President Chirac and Lionel Jospin have rallied to Nato with bipartisan determination, but lower down, the political front looks less solid. There is grumbling in Spain, where support for Nato has always been tepid. Italy's Prime Minister, Massimo D'Alema, has to deal not only with the threatened defection of hardline Communists from his coalition, but with opportunistic manoeuvring by centrists, including his Foreign Minister, Lamberto Dini.

None of this means, however, that Nato cannot hold the line, for a ground war if necessary. Western public understanding of what is at stake is clearer than it ever was over Bosnia. Signor D'Alema's popularity has risen in direct proportion to his firmness in supporting Nato; so has that of M Chirac and M Jospin. But at this critical juncture, decisive leadership is essential. If politicians falter, so too will their deeply moved but legitimately anxious voters.

NO ROOM FOR COMPROMISE

Why Britain must say a flat 'no' to an EU withholding tax

British officials left the weekend's informal meeting in Dresden of European Union finance ministers (Ecofin) saying, with relief, that it had been "the most boring Ecofin" in memory. That is just the impression that Hans Eichel, who this month succeeded Oskar Lafontaine as German Finance Minister, was out to make. But it is deceptive. Bonn and Paris have modified their tactics since Herr Lafontaine's abrupt resignation: but the strategy of EU fiscal harmonisation is unchanged, as is the French ambition to make the euro-11 tinance ministers the core of what the French Finance Minister. Dominique Strauss-Kahn, insists will be a "European economic government".

The benchmark by which these intentions must be judged is the EU's pernicious draft directive on the taxation of investment income. Nothing was decided at Dresden. But Gordon Brown is no closer to securing the only acceptable decision, which is to abandon it. The idea is deceptively simple - the deduction of a uniform minimum withholding tax of 20 per cent from interest payments on invested savings held by EU citizens anywhere in the Union. In theory, all EU citizens would then pay their "fair" share of taxes, no matter how or where they invested their money. The justification put forward is that tax policies must be harmonised if the single market is to work properly — which, as the differing tax policies of American state governments shows, is not true; and that the directive would combat tax evasion. What, say its advocates, could be wrong with that?

The answers are that the precedent is a bad one and that the directive's consequences, particularly for the City of London but also for EU financial services, would be appalling. Mr Brown seems ready to concede the principle of tax harmonisation, provided that he can obtain an exemption for eurobonds. Such damage limitation is not good enough. He must win both the eurobond battle and the wider war.

The City is pre-eminent in the trillionpound eurobond market, a prime target of the tax. Its imposition would cost thousands of City jobs, because the business would migrate to non-EU markets, such as Zurich, where bond trading is tax-exempt. The tax would also hurt anyone with shares in pension funds. According to the World Bank, about 70 per cent of investors in eurobonds are institutions such as pension funds. Under the EU plan the would pay withholding tax on every trade made, instead of reinvesting that money.

Capital can desert markets overnight. The City's dominance in euromarkets dates from the 1950s, when America's balance of payments deficit washed up pools of dollars in Europe. "Eurodollars" were deposited with London banks because London was a centre of currency dealing. The market settled here to stay, thanks to excess regulation elsewhere. New York, for example, lost out on eurobonds in 1963, when President Kennedy introduced a tax on foreign bond issues in the domestic dollar market. They have been vital ever since to the City's vigorous expansion.

International investors favour London not only because it has a deep pool of talented financiers, but because regulations and taxes remain benign. Adopting any EU-wide withholding tax would drive much of this business to more tax-friendly centres. British resistance to this directive has already been met by threats to end the individual national veto on tax policy. But neither this directive, nor the dilution of the veto, can be imposed without British assent. Tony Blair will be told that to use Britain's veto would discredit him as a "good European". In the interest not just of the City, but of EU financial markets, he must resist all demands for compromise.

BRIXTON'S BRAVERY

A nail bomb cannot destroy the will to live together

Random, terrifying violence on a busy shopping street is the hallmark of the terrorist and the psychopath. In Ulster, culminating in the atrocity in Omagh, it has become wearily familiar. But on the mainland it is still thankfully rare, despite the growing tendency of extremists to exploit the publicity that horror brings. Brixton is the latest community to suffer. The nail bomb that on Saturday left at least 48 people injured, some seriously, was timed to explode when it would cause the greatest carnage. When the ceaselire in Ulster is holding, however precariously, outrage will be particularly keen.

So far, no group has claimed responsibility. Speculation has focused on a lone attacker, possibly similar to, or even inspired by, the so-called Mardi Gra bomber. There is also the likelihood of a racist motive. Given Brixton's ethnic mix. anyone wishing to stir up racial hatred, or to take perverted revenge on the black community in the wake of the Stephen Lawrence report, might have chosen this South London symbol of black Britain to

detonate a parcel bomb of hatred. What is clear is the courage and quick thinking of all those caught up in the incident. Years of vigilance and familiarity

with bomb warnings have taught people to avoid suspicious packages. The man who spotted what looked like a bomb and calmly carried the holdall to a wall where it would do less harm heroically risked his life in an attempt to save others. The police who ran towards the explosion and the passers-by who rushed in to help the injured did what they humanly could, ignoring their own shock and the risk of a second device going off. As the ambulances were on their way, people were already offering first aid and comfort.

Brixion is a resilient place, however. It has had to be. With more than its fair share of troubles in the past 30 years, it has learnt to turn adversity to its advantage. Lacking wealth, jobs and beauty. Brixton has seen race riots and race hatred, police brutality and police victimisation, segregation and prejudice. There have been national inquiries and government resolutions. But since 1981, the district has fought back. Urban regeneration, imaginative integration initiatives, the kindling of ethnic pride amid racial diversity have made Brixton now a symbol more of hope than of deprivation. No wonder Nelson Mandela asked to go there. Its streets hum with life; no deranged terrorist can destroy their vibrant variety.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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monetary union

From Mr David Davis, MP for Haltemprice and Howden (Conservative), and others

Sir. You report (April 12) the conflicting results of opinion polls about business attitudes to economic and monetary union. Yet it will be the people who will decide this crucial issue, not the business community, and public opposition to replacing the pound by the euro is being underestimated.

Peter Riddell has rightly noted (article, March I) that some recent polls have featured "a slightly altered question". However, the only objective way to assess changes, if any, in public opinion is to ask the identical

basic question repeatedly.
On October 2 and 3, 1998, an ICM poll commissioned by Julian Lewis, MP, asked: "Do you think that Britain should replace the pound with the single European currency? Thirtytwo per cent replied "Yes"; 56 per cent replied "No".

However, on February 11 The Guardian newspaper claimed that its own ICM poll showed that "support in Britain to join the euro has surged to its highest ever level", with 36 per cent in favour and 52 per cent opposed. This poll made no reference to replacing the pound.

ICM was immediately commissioned to repeat the question, with the October 1998 wording. The fieldwork was carried out between March 5 and 7, before the resignation of the European Commission. This time the results were 30 per cent "Yes" and 60 per cent

This shows that public opinion has. if anything, become more hostile to EMU over the past six months, and that findings to the contrary during this period are likely to have resulted from changes in the wording of poll questions, not in public opinion itself.

Yours faithfully, DAVID DAVIS, SYDNEY CHAPMAN, ERIC FORTH, MICHAEL SPICER. House of Commons.

From the Chief Executive of Business for Sterling

Sir, Your report, "business moves in favour of euro in new poll" (April 12). featured the results of a survey which not only sampled just 200 firms, but also excluded the 95 per cent of Britain's 3.7 million businesses which have less than £1 million turnover.

The survey we commissioned from ICM, showing that 63 per cent of businesses are opposed to the euro (report, March 31), is the only one to survey all izes of business, and its sample of 1,000 is the biggest. Your report's assertion that this poll "overemphasised" the views of smaller businesses is simply wrong. The overall results were correctly weighted to mirror the structure of the whole business community. Unweighted, they overrepresented big business by a factor of 50.

The CBI and Britain in Europe are defending an increasingly desperate position. Minutes of the CBI's economic affairs committee meeting in July 1998 reveal that they ruled out "a completely random survey of businesses, which would be the ultimate gauge of firms' attitudes to UK membership of EMU", on the ground that "complication might, however, arise in reconciling the survey results with the existing CBI position if the outcome turned out to be less pro-EMU". They opted instead to encourage a Financial Times survey in association with MORI, which again excluded small business from the sample (letters, November 30 and December 3, 1998).

In his Budget speech the Chancellor of the Exchequer said that small busi-nesses were "the very firms whose growth will create the greatest number of new jobs". These businesses are responsible for a growing share of national employment. It is no longer acceptable for pollsters or those who represent business to ignore their

Yours faithfully, NICK HERBERT. Chief Executive, Business for Sterling, 18 Buckingham Gate, SWIE 6PE.

Splitting hairs

From Dr Patrick Bye

Sir, Nigel Hawkes has done a service to science by reporting (April 13) Dr Erika Hagelberg's important discov-ery relevant to the origin and dispersal of Homo sapiens.

During my preclinical course at Jesus College, Cambridge, I had the pleasure of tutorials with Professor Duckworth, the founder of the collection from which came the hairs of Andaman islanders studied by Dr Hagelberg.

I am certain that the late Professor Duckworth, who was the medically qualified Professor of Anatomy, would have been delighted that his old (and now probably dusty) specimens could still make a valuable contribution to scientific research.

The objection to Dr Hagelberg's work from the present director of the collection, and his ludicrous appeal to political correctness, seem unworthy.

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Yours. PATRICK BYE, Keeper's Cottage, Piltdown, Uckfield, East Sussex TN22 3XT.

Opinion polls and Tragedy funds 'perpetuate grief'

From Mr Geoffrey Morgan

Sir, I was saddened about the service of remembrance to those who died at Hillsborough (report, April 16). Everyone experiences the loss of a loved one through death. The rituals of mourning enable those left behind to recover from their loss and continue with

It is more difficult where others share grief in the same circumstances - Hillsborough, Aberfan, Lockerbie, etc. The pursuit of "justice" or "the truth" by the relatives seems to me a means to perpetuate grief and per-haps avoid responsibilities to the

At the time of the Aberfan pit tragedy in October 1966 monetary compensation for the loss of a child was fixed at £500. The disaster fund persuaded the Charity Commission to allow us to pay £5,000 per person, regardless of personal circumstance, including age.

What purpose does money serve in these circumstances other than to sow dissension? Usually a small sum can compensate for the material loss in a disaster. The rest of the money, which is the only way the public can express their natural grief and wish to do something to help, can cause more

trauma. At the time of the Bradford football fire disaster in May 1985. I offered my services to the newly appointed trus-tee and discussed what I perceived as

mented the trustee on the speed, skill and compassion with which its work had been completed with an almost total absence of controversy. He was kind enough to observe that he had taken on board the discussion we had had previously and avoided the

Let the dead rest in peace.

Yours faithfully. GEOFFREY MORGAN Rose Cottage,

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In their late teens, my son's and British citizenship From Mr Robert Purdie

Sir, The British Nationality Act 1981 (letters, April 7 and 12) discriminates against men. A British father can only pass on British citizenship if he is married to the mother of his child. A British mother can always pass on British citizenship to her children (whether full citizenship or citizenship by descent).

The European Convention on Na-tionality, which has been open for signature since November 6, 1997, attempts to introduce conformity in the internal law of the member states of the Council of Europe on nationality and can be seen as an extension of the right to family life enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights. Article 5 of the nationality convention prohibits discrimination on various grounds, including sex. As yet, the United Kingdom has not signed nor ratified this convention.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT PURDIE. 28 Western Road, Oxford OXI 4LG.

From Mr Paul Reichelt

Sir, Mr Michael Pickett's clarification (letter, April 12) of current nationality

laws highlights my family difficulties. As a UK-based civil servant in the Air Ministry, I served a four-year tour of duty in Singapore in the late 1950s. While overseas, officers and families used some of the facilities provided by and available to the RAF. My twins. born at the British Military Hospital in Singapore in 1957 were registered at the colony's registrar's offices in accordance with my department's instructions.

Teachers' pay

From the Minister of State at the Department for Education and Employment

Sir, Mrs Theresa May, MP, the Shadow Schools Minister, claims (letter, April 12) that the Government's plans for teacher pay reform represent a "centrally controlled, bureaucratic, mechanistic approach ... which could take good teachers out of the classroom".

The Government believes that head teachers should play the most important role in our new system - which is about rewarding good teachers and keeping them in the classroom. External assessors will ensure, in its initial stages particularly, that the system is fair and rigorous.

We want bureaucracy kept to a minimum. The heads' unions have been willing to be constructive in offering practical suggestions.

Unfortunately, as your editorial of April 7 indicated, the Conservatives seem to be supporting those unions which are against any link between pay and performance.

Yours faithfully, ESTELLE MORRIS. Department for Education and Employment, Sanctuary Buildings. Great Smith Street. Westminster SWIP 3BT. April 12.

From Mr Frank Wood

Sir, David Blunkett and the Government show little understanding of teachers and the way the education system works. From 43 years' experience connected with education here and overseas, either as a teacher or an author of textbooks, I confidently predict that in the majority of cases the "merit rises" would not go to the best teachers. They would go to the cronies of the headmaster.

Timetabling would be such as to show these cronies in the best possible light. Those who flattered the head would get priority. Good teachers who did not see eye to eye with authority would get short shrift.

The result - a demoralised workforce and lower standards of teaching.

Yours faithfully, FRANK WOOD. 58 Andrew Lane. High Lane, Stockport SSK6 8HX. the Aberfan fund's failings. The Bradford fund did not seek charitable status and whatever grants were made to beneficiaries remained confidential. When it was wound up I compli-

mistakes made at Aberfan.

(Secretary/Treasurer, Aberfan Disaster Fund, 1969-71), Ludwells Lane, Waltham Chase, Southampton SO32 2NP.

daughter's applications for individual temporary British passports, for overseas school trips, were initially re-fused. The reason: no British birth certificate. Proof of my nationality and an interview with the local pass-

port office finally led to acceptance.

Later applications for permanent

passports led to similar resistance. For some, my surname attracts immediate doubts to nationality. I find it hard to believe that all children born overseas to members of the Forces and UK-based civil servants had similar problems when applying for passports. After marriage my daughter's passport applications were unques-

Yours faithfully, PAUL REICHELT. 7 Belton Grove. Grantham NG31 9HH.

From Mrs Bette Brien

Sir, Jack Straw says there should be public celebrations for people becoming new citizens of the UK (report April 13). About seven years ago I held a large party at an art gallery in Tomes to celebrate my "naturalisation papers". I was very proud to become a British citizen and the gallery was draped with flags. Live musicians and champagne were part of the festivi-

However, I will not celebrate becoming a citizen of Europe of enjoy giving up sterling. I came to Britain 40 years ago and feel more British than the British. I love it here!

Yours sincerely. BETTE BRIEN. 7 North Street, Totnes TQG 5NZ. April 13.

Smack of authority

From the Chief Executive of Barnardo's

Sir, We were more than a little surprised to be singled out for criticism by The Freedom Association (letter, April 10) for our commitment to the Children are unbeatable" alliance.

This alliance, which consists of over 200 separate organisations and numerous individual childcare experts, has a stated objective of promoting positive discipline for children rather than advocating that parents be criminalised. A recent MORI poll showed that 73 per cent of people support law reform to protect children against physical assault, where they can be sure parents will not then be prosecuted for trivial smacks.

Our policy, which has been approved by Barnardo's trustees, stems from the need to protect vulnerable children from physical violence and is clearly in line with Barnardo's stated objectives.

Yours sincerely, ROGER SINGLETON. Chief Executive, Barnardo's. Tanners Lane, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex 1G6 IQG. April 14.

Cavalry in battle

From Mr Peter W. S. Baines

Sir, Philip Howard (article, April 16) is wrong to view the charges of the Light and Heavy Brigades at Balaclava in the same negative light.

In contrast to the infamous fate that befell Cardigan's brigade in "the Valley of Death", the Heavy Brigade suffered few casualties in one of the greatest and most audacious cavalry charges in military history.

Mr Howard's claim that the cavalry "never delivered on the battlefield" is magnifique, mais ce n'est pas la

Yours faithfully, P. W. S. BAINES (Officer cadet), Wechylstone House. Speldhurst, Kent TN3 0NP. April 16.

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Change of tune at Glyndebourne

From Mr Alan Blyth

Sir, I am seriously concerned by Nicholas Snowman's plans for Glyndebourne and your editorial support for them (article, "Fasten your cummerbands ... ", and leading article, April 14). Works such as Otello, Tristan und Isolde, Wozzeck and Birtwistle's Mask of Orpheus, heavy fare by any standard, have been and should continue to be the province of the major companies in London, whose work Glyndebourne will simply be duplicat-

Glyndebourne should continue to present, as its core repertory, its supreme Mozart, rehearsed in a manner not possible at more cash-strapped houses, along with early opera, rare .Handel and Rossini and little-known Czech repertory (no shortage of masterpieces to be explored in any of these areas), works not available elsewhere in this country and ideal fare for a summer evening in the Sussex Downs.

Are we really never to see and hear again in the house such joys as Handel's Theodora and Rossini's Le Comte Ory? I hope not. Having worked in subsidised surroundings for most of his career. Snowman per-haps forgets that Glyndebourne has to provide a fare that will please its public, not give us some "radical-chic" concept out of kilter, in my view, with the intentions of Glyndebourne's

Yours faithfully ALAN BLYTH, 22 Shilling Street Lavenham, Suffolk CO10 9RH.

From Mr Robin Howard

Sir, Nicholas Snowman appears to have excellent plans for the repertory, but will he please give his attention also to the availability of tickets?

When the new opera house was opened it was stated that a greater proportion of seats would be available to the public, as opposed to members. My wife and I, having always immensely enjoyed our visits, were most disappointed this year when, although on the mailing list, we were informed that all tickets for all performances of The Bartered Bride had been sold before public booking could

As this was the only production we wished to see, we shall have to forgo our visit to Glyndebourne this year.

Yours faithfully. ROBIN HOWARD. New Timbers, 8 Upfield, Croydon CR0 5DP.

Trafalgar Square plinth

From Mr L. A. Yeats

Sir, King Charles I lost his head in Whitehall. Anyone wanting to see his statue on its island at the junction of Whitehall and Trafalgar Square at close quarters risks injury of a less permanent but nevertheless damaging nature from the never-ending flow

A solution to the problem of the empty plinth on the other side of the square (news in brief, April 10) would be to move King Charles. This would make it easier for people to see one of London's best pieces of statuary. relieve traffic congestion by removing the need for the island and place the King in close proximity to statues of his succeeding relatives - his son James II, George III and George IV history and genealogy lessons com-

It would also have the advantage of obviating the need to commission a new statue (a good thing given the dire quality of some recent London statues and monuments), thereby saving money.

L. A. YEATS, l Oakley Gardens. Downhead Park. Milton Keynes MKI5 9BH.

Top brass

From Mrs P. Pountney

Sir, Today's report of the memorial service for Lord Lewin makes me wonder if we have more Admirals (all classes) than HM ships?

Yours faithfully, P. POUNTNEY, 112 High Street, Broughton, Kettering NN14 INQ.

Millennium babies

From Mr Douglas J. Bugler

Sir, The recent talk about planning for a millennium baby (reports. March 23, 27 and April 6) reminds us that without any planning or thought on the subject (other than the usual ones) our son was born on September 9, 1949, as, no doubt, were many others.

This year will see their 50th birthdays on 9.9.1999, which just goes to show how clever you can be when you leave it to nature.

Yours faithfully, D. J. BUGLER, 5 Winston Court. Lymington Road. New Milton, Hampshire BH25 6PG. April II.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 17: The Princess Royal, Chief Commandant for Women in the Royal Navy, accompanied by Commodore Timothy Laurence, Royal Navy, this morning visited the Royal Naval Reserve Training Centre at HMS Forward. Tilton Road, Birmingham and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the West Midlands (Mr Robert Taylor).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 18: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh left Heathrow Airport this evening for the State Visit to The Republic of Korea.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received at the airport by the Rt Hon the Lord Camovs (Lord Chamberlain). Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant Greater London (The Lord Imbertt, Minister Choi Jong-moo Acting Head of Mission, Korean

(Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs). His Excellency Mr Stephen Brown (Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Korea) and Mrs Brown. The Countess of Airlie, the Rt Hon Sir Robin Janvrin, Major-General Sir Simon Cooper, Mrs Mary Francis, Miss Penny Russell-Smith. Surgeon Captain David Swain. RN. Air Commodore the Hon Timothy Elworthy, Squadron Leader Simon Brailsford, RAF, Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis, Mr

Frank Baker and Mr Russ Dixon.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, president, Animal Health Trust, will attend the Lord's Taverners spring lunch-con at the London Hilton on Park

The Duchess of Gloucester opens Claire House Children's Hospice. Bebington, Wirral, at 1.40; visits West Kirby Residential School (for special needs) at 2.15: and as hoporary president, Lawn Tennis Association, visits Bidston Mos Tennis Centre, Birkenhead, at 3.30. For more details about the Royal family visit the royal website at: www.royal.gov.uk

Service luncheons

Trucial Oman Scouts
The annual luncheon for officers of
the Trucial Oman Levies, Trucial
Oman Scouts, and the Union Defence Force was held on Friday at the Army and Navy Club.

10th Baluch Regiment On the occasion of the VC/GC reunion. Officers of the loth Baluch Regiment entertained at luncheun on Friday, at the Army & Navy Club. Captain Bghandar Ram, their last surviving holder o the Victoria Cross. Major F.A. Rowley presided.

Reception

Baroness Darcy de Knayth Baroness Darcy de Knayth Presi-dent of Skill (National Bureau for Students with Disabilities) was the host at a reception on Friday at the House of Lords to mark the 25th anniversary, Lord Ashley of Stoke. CH, Lord Morris of Manchester and Ms Barbara Waters, chief executive, were the speakers.

Meeting
International Military Music

Society Major Richard Powell was guest speaker at the spring meeting of the UK branch of the International Military Music Society at Eastbourneyesterday. Mr John Ambler, chairman, presided.

Embassy), the Lord Marshall (Chairman, British Airways), Sir John Egan (Chief Executive, British Airport Authority), and Mr Roger Cato (Managing Director, Heathrow Aittoorti. The following are in attendance: the Rt Hon Derek Fatchett. MP

Birthdays today The Earl of Annandale and Hart-

fell, 58: Mr William Baillie, former president. Royal Scottish Academy. 76: the Most Rev Luigi Barbarito, former Apostolic Nuncio. 77: Miss Sue Barker, tennis player and sports commentator. 43: Mr Dickie Bird, cricket umpire, o6: Mr Antonio Carluccio, restaurateur, 62: Mr Algy Cluff, chairman and chief executive, Cluff Mining. 59: Mr Adrian Coles. director-general, Building Socie-ties Association, 45: Mr Glyn England, director, the Wind Fund. 78: Mr Trevor Francis, football manager. 45; Lord Justice Henry. 68: Dr Sir John Horlock, FRS. former Vice-Chancellor, Open University, 71: Mr G.B. Inglis, former senior partner, Slaughter and May, 66; Mr Dudley Moore, actor and composer, 64; Mr Garfield Morgan, actor, 68; Mr Murray Perahia. pianist. 52; Mr Richard Phelps, pentathlete, 38; Lord Jus-tice Roch, 65; M Michel Roux, chef and restaurateur. 58; Mr Wilf Stevenson, director, Smith Institute, 52: Miss Bridget Towle, Chief Guide. Guide Association, 57: the Hon Michael Trend, MP, 47; Miss Ruby Wax, actress and comedian 40: Mr Philip Wroughton, Lord-Lieutenant of Berkshire, 66.

Service dinners South Notts Hussars

Colonel L.D. Clapp presided at the annual dinner of the 150th Regiment South Notts Hussars Yeomanry RHA TA held on Saturday at the Strathdon Hotel. Notting-

RAF Oxford & Cambridge

Society
Dr Colin Lucas. Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns, Chief of the Air Staff, were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the RAF Oxford and Cambridge Socie ty held on Friday at Magdalen College, Oxford, Air Marshal Sir Timothy Garden presided.

Nature notes

SEDGE warblers are back from Africa and singing their rich. babbling song in reedbeds and willows. They usually skulk out of sight, but sometimes throw themselves up into the air to sing. They can be distinguished from reed warblers, which will also soon be arriving, by their bright vellow eye-stripes. Hobbies are back on heaths and lonely farmland: they are small, fast-flying hawks that feed on dragonflies or on birds they can catch in the air, such as house-martins. Skylarks are nesting in corn and grass: they may be found on any broad open space from moorland to golf courses and

The whole countryside is turning bright green. Woodpigeons tumble about in the trees, trying to get at the juicy, unfolding leaf-buds. Some horse-chestnut trees and hawthorn bushes are already in full foliage. New flowers open-



Reed warbler

ing include yellow archangel which grows in damp woods and is like a dead-nettle with hooded. orange-vellow blossoms: wild forget-me-nots, which grow in swaths long the woodland edges: and bugle, a sturdy, low-lying plant with deep blue flowers.

Yellow brimstone butterflies have come out of their winter hiding places, and are dashing erratically along the woodland DJM

Memorial services

Lord Grade

A ceremony of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Grade was held yesterday at the Prince of Wales Theatre, London. Mr Jimmy Tarbuck paid tribute and introduced

Michael Grade, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, KT, Mr Barry Norman. Mr Gerry Anderson, Mr Michael Eisner, Chairman of the Walt Disney Company, and Mrs Marcia Stanton who paid tribute.

Susan Hampshire read from Lord Grade's autobiography. Mr Philip Black read from the Talmud. Rabbi Dr Albert Friedlander read a poem by Ben Okri. Dame Diana Rigg read a Tagore poem, and Mr lan Bannen read a poem written specially for the celebration by Mr Roger McGough. Mr Roger Moore read a poem and paid tribute. Mr Frankie Vaughan, accompanied by Mr Paul Frowde violin, sang a traditional Jewish Iullaby Raisins and Almonds.

During the celebration filmed tributes by the Muppets, Lord Attenborough, Miss Shirley Ma-claine, Miss Joan Collins, Mr Robert Daly, chairman, Warner Brothers, Mr Scott Sassa, Head of NBC, and Mr Lalo Schifrin were screened. Among others present

Grade [widow]. the Hon Mrs Paul Grade [daughter-in-law]. Mrs Solly Black, Mrs Phyllis Howard-Harrison and Lady Delfont [sisters-in-law]. Mr and Mrs Jack Moody (brother-in-law) and assert-in-law]. Mrs Solly Black, Ms Susie Syrnes. Ms Elizabeth Crompton-Batt. Mr Harry Handelsmen, Mr and Mrs Mark Moody. Mrss Rebecta Churchward-Viegers. Mr Jonathan Churchward-Viegers. Mr Jonathan Churchward-Viegers. Mr Jonathan Churchward-Steel, the Hon Jenny Delfont, the Hon Susan Delfont, Mrs Michael Grade. Mrs Penny Grade, Alison Grade. Johnathon Grade. Mr and Mrs Brook Land. Miss Leslie Land. Mr Duniel Land. Mr and Mrs Is an Freeman, Mr and Mrs Brook Land. Miss Leslie Land. Mr Duniel Land. Mr and Mrs Is an Freenan, Mr and Mrs Andrew Freenan. Mr Jerry Perenchio, Mr John Perenchio
Lord and Lady Baker of Dorking. Lord Archer of Wesson-super-Mane. Lord and Lady Shawcross. Lord and Lady Renwick, Lord and Lady Rouse of Lady Shawcross. Lord and Lady Renwick, Lord and Lady Punnam. Lady Homson of Monifieth. Lord and Lady Moore of Wolverone. Sir Sydney and Lady Moore of Wolverone. Sir Sydney and Lady Samuelson. Sir Nicholas and Lady Lloyd. Sir Paul and Lady Fox. Sir Gordon Reece. Sir Tun Rice. Sir Sigmund Sternberg. Lady (Michele) Renoul.

Mrs Rohert Powell, Mrs Barry Norman. Mrs Gerry Anderson. Mrs Michael Eisner. Mrs Jan Bannen. Mrs Frankie Vaughan. Mrs Rohert Powell. Mrs Brian Gilmone. Mr New Harmsworth. Mr and Mrs Bill Cotton, Mr New Mr Alder Stean Tester. Mr and Mrs Bill Cotton, Mr Shaw Mr Nigel Dempster. Mr Adam Shaw. Mr Nigel Dempster. Mr Adam Shaw. Mr Nigel Dempster. Mr Adam Shaw. Mr Michael Redington, Mr Richard Compton Miller. Mr Christopher Mann, Mr Leonand Mars Redington, Mr Richard Compton Miller. Mr Christopher Mann, Mr Leonand Mars Reichard Baker. Mr and Mrs Harnes Salumon. Mr and Mrs Harnes Salumon. Mr and Mrs Harnes Salumon. Mr and Mrs Harnes Mrs Harnes Salumon. Mr and Mrs Harnes Mr And Mrs Harnes Salumon. Mr and Mrs Harnes Mrs Ledie Granit. Rabbi and Mrs Tand Mrs Harnes Salumon. Mr and Mrs Harnes Mr and Mrs Harnes Salum

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Lieutenant-Colonel C.L. Boyle

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Leofric Boyle, former Secretary of the Fauna Preservation Society, was held yesterday at St Saviour's Eton Road, Hampstead, The Rev Andrew Pavlibeyi officiated and Ms Jane Bekhor, daughter, read the lesson.

Mrs Boyle, widow, read from the works of Basil the Great, Ms Margaret Denby, daughter, read Crossing the Bar by Alfred Lord Tennyson, Ms Bridget Henderson, daughter, read The Night has a Thousand Eyes by Francis William Bourdillon and Time, and Ms Susannah Jack, daughier, read And Death shall have no Dominion by Dylan Thomas.

Major-General D.A. Beckett gave an address.

the following: The Hon Paul Grade, son, Mr Mr Robert Powell and Miss

Festoon of Fruit, a celebration of autumn ripeness by the Dutch painter Cornelis de Heem (1631-95), is among masterpieces lent by British museums for an exhibition of Dutch and Flemish painters at the Richard Green Gallery in London until May 7

The Arts Educational School,

Tring Park The summer term begins today at The Arts Educational School, Tring Park, and Gemma Andrews begins her term of office as Head Girl. The Music Showcase is on May 27 and 28 and Founder's Day is Saturday, July 3, when Lesley Joseph will be the Guest of Honour. Term ends with the Midsummer Ball on Friday, July 9.

Bromsgrove School School convenes today for the Sum-mer Term. The Sixth Form drama production of *The Merry Wives of* Windsor will be performed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 27, 28 and 29, in the Drama Studio. The Orchestral and Concerto concert will take place on Thursday, May 6. Term ends on Saturday, July 3, with Com-memoration Day. The guest speaker will be Joanna Womack, Treasurer of Cambridge University. The preacher of the Sir Thomas Cookes Sermon will be the Very Rev Peter Marshall, Dean of Worcester.

The Cheltenham Ladies' College Term begins today at The Cheltenham Ladies' College. Half term is from 5pm on Friday, May 28, to Sunday, June 6. The Official Opening of Fauconberg Wing by Miss Amanda Wakeley will take place on Friday, May 7. Confirmation by the Right Rev John Went, Bishop of Tewkesbury, will take place in Cheltenham College Chapel at Ilam on Saturday, May 15. The Summer Concert will take place in the Princess Hall at

7.30pm on Friday, July 9. Term ends with Speech Day on Saturday, July 10. Professor Gordon McVie, MD, Director General, Cancer Research Campaign will be the Guest Speaker.

The Cheltenham Ladies' College is a registered charity established for the purpose of the education of girls. Haileybury & Imperial Service

College The Summer Term at Haileybury begins today. C.J.Crauford (Trevelyan) continues as Head of School. The Summer Concert will be on May 28 and Speech Day on May 29 when the Preacher at the Commemoration Service will be the Rev Dr Emma Hebblethwaite. Chaplain of King's College, Cambridge and member of the Hailey-bury Council and the Guest of Honour and Speaker will be Dame

Schools news

Fiona Caldicott, Principal of Somerville College, Oxford. The Haileybury Orchestra and Choir will give a concert at St Martin-inthe Fields at 7.30pm on Tuesday, May 11. The Haileybury Society Annual Reunion for those who left school before 1965 will be held on June 5 at 12 moon, jointly hosted by The Master and the President of the Society, Barry Clarke, FCA. Term ends on July 3.

Merchant Taylors' School Summer term at Merchant Tavlors' School begins today. Inspection Day is on Friday, May 7, when the Inspecting Officer will be Rear Admiral R.P. Stevens. OMTs and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Service for Peter Ingram in the Great Hall on Sunday, May 9, at 3pm, followed by tea in the Dining Hall. Open Morning is on Saturday, May 15. Confirma-tion will be held on Monday, May 17. in the School Chapel and St Barnabas (Prizegiving) is on Satur-day, June 5. OMT Day is on ; Sunday, June 26. Jonathan Fienberg is Captain of Cricket. Music Week begins on Wednesday, June 23, with Summer Serenade at 8.00pm on Tuesday, June 29. Term _ ends on Thursday, July 1.

Reed's School Summer Term began on Sunday. April 18, with Alastair Hamilton as Captain of School and Julian Dovle and Matthew Lindsay as Deputies. Timothy Klimcke will be Captain of Cricket. An Open Morning will be held on May 15 and an Open Evening on May 26 for prospective parents. The annual Choral Society Concert will form part of a two day festival of music; on May 8/9 which will also mark the official launch of the Reed's School Performing Arts Centre: Appeal. The Old Reedonian Reunion Day will be held on Saturday, June 26, and there will be a buffet lunch for those former pupils who left between 1951 and 1955 and between 1976 and 1980. Term ends on Saturday, July 3, with Speech Day when the prizes will be presented by Lord Dearing.

Repton School

Summer Term begins today. Speech Day will be on Saturday. May 29, and the guest of honour will be Matthew Parnis. The preacher at Commemoration will be the Very Rev Michael Perham, Provost of Derby. The Leather Lecture on April 23 will be given by Dr David Starkey. There will be a Gaudy for Old Reptonian boys of 1936-40 and 1976-80 and girls of 1979-84. The Repion Foundation has been established with the aim of Renewing the Legacy of Sir John Port by building up a capital fund of £10m to promote developments at the school.

St George's School, Ascol Boarders returned to St George's School, Ascot yesterday and School opens today for the Summer Term. Antonia Phillips continues as Head Girl. Open Afternoon for prospective Sixth Form Entrants is on Friday, April 30, 12-4pm. Haif Term is Friday, May 28, to Sunday, June 6. The Third Year History Visit to Normandy takes place June 912. Freshers' Day for 1999 entry will be held on Sunday, June 13. The Annual Music for a Summer Evening Concert is on Wednesday, June 30, 7,30pm. Term ends Friday, July 2. with Junior Prize Giving at 10am and the Senior Prize Giving at 1.30pm. A Music Tour will take place in the Charente region of Prance from July 3-10. Wymondham College, Norfolk

Term begins today at the College and Phase 2 of the Design and Technology Building will be opened on May 7 by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary for School Standards, Mr Charles Clarke, M.P. The College production of The Pilgrimage by Paul Goetzee as part of the BT National Connections competition will hopefully travel to Cambridge to perform at one of the major festival venues. The reunion for former students is on July 17, focusing mainly on 1970s leavers but others are welcome. Open days this term are to be on Saturday, May 8, and Sat-urday, June 12. The Year 7 Boarding House is now only able to accept applications for the waiting list for September. For further information and newsletter please contact the College on 01953 605566.

Some schools have had to be held over because of pressure of space

Forthcoming marriages

Windsor, to the Hon Laura Good-

hart, younger daughter of Lord and Lady Goodhart, of Regents

Park, London NWI. The Rev

The bride, who was given in

marriage by her father, was anended by Josephine Dallas. Maud Goodhart, Elizabeth Gundhart, Maumand M.

ton-Bunn. Jessica Maynard Her-

bert, Gwendolen Mitchell

Michael Gunton-Bunn, Jo Law

rence Moggridge and Peter Rob-erts. Mr Philip Abbon was best

A reception was held in Lin-

coin's inn and the honeymoon will

The marriage took place on Satur-

day at the Church of St Cuthbert.

Kildale near Whitby, North York-shire, of Mr Justin Beaumont, of

Kildale, elder son of the Hon M.H.

Beaumont, of Northumberland, and Mrs A.F. Maitland, of Lon-

don, to Miss Jacqueline Baines,

daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Baines.

of Guisborough, Cleveland. The

The bride, who was given in: marriage by her father, was attended by Freddy Erskine, Miss

Heather Baines and Miss Molly

Cuthbert Mr Robert Gladders

A reception was held at Pinch-

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Anne's, Baslow, Derby-

shire, of Mr Charles Rhodes, only

son of Cotonel Sir Basil and Lady Rhodes, of Baslow, to Mile Béa-

trice Grouchy de Vornez, daughter

of the late Comte Jean-François Grouchy de Vornez and of Mme

Grouchy de Vornez, of Stockholm: Canon Richard Orchard and the

The bride, who was given in marriage by the bridegroom's

father, was attended by Miss

Mari Libeck. Xa Rodger and Jack

Cooper. Mr Rupert Nicholas

A reception was held at the home of the bridegroom and the

honeymoon will be spent in Kenya.

The marriage took place on Satur-day at St Peter's Church, Milton-Lilbourne, Wiltshire, of Mr Giles

Crewdson, son of Mr and the Hon

Mrs Peregrine Crewdson. to Miss. Frances Nunneley. youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles

Nunneley. The Rev Colin Fox officiated, assisted by the Rev

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Ben and Sally Chap-

ple, Joss Crewdson, Sarah and Thomas Nunneley and Milo Soames. Mr William Crewdson

A reception was held at the

home of the bride and the honey-

moon will be spent abroad.

Mr D.I.L McQueen

Mary Crameri.

was best man.

Stephenson was best man.

Mr G. Crewdson and Miss F.M. Nunneley

Elisabeth Ramel Lagerquist, Miss

Rev Gösta Björting officiated.

was best man.

inthorpe Hall.

de Vornez

Mr C.E.R.C. Rhodes

and Mile A-F.B. Grouchy

Rev Richard Rowling officiated.

be spent in Ireland.

Mr J.G.G. Beaumont

and Miss J.S. Baines

David Burgess officiated.

Mr M.K. Hodges and Miss N.J. Nocl-Smith The engagement is announced between Michael son of Mr

Anthony Hodges and Mrs Mary Hodges, of Harare, Zimbabwe. and Nicola, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Noel-Smith, of Prayssas, France.

Mr M.L. Milhench and Miss H.D. Ogilvic

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Howard Milhench, of Sharpthorne, West Sussex, and Helen. daughter of the late Dr John Ogilvie and of Dr Ogilvie, of Hitchin, Hertfordshire. Mr D.P. Mullins

and Miss J. Fairbrother The engagement is announced between David Patrick Mullins, of Richmond, Surrey, and Justine Fairbrother, of Burgess Hill, Sussex.

Major R.A. Owers and Miss N.M. Bourke The engagement is announced between Roly, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Keith Owers, of Worth Abbey, Sussex, and Nikki, daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Bourke, of Chettle, Dorset.

Mr R.D.H. Peart and Miss E.V.I'A. Widdows and Miss Evil A. Viludows
The engagement is announced
between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs
David Peart, of Hurworth, Co
Durham, and Emily, younger
daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin

Widdows, of S'Arraco, Mallorca. Mr L.C. Wrightson and Miss S-J.M. Coles

The engagement is announced veen Laurence, son of the late Mr David Wrightson, of Yalding Kent, and of Mrs David Wrightson of Wells, Somerset, and Sara-Jane. youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Coles, of Thorney, Cambridgeshire.

Marriages

Mr J.G. Cubitt and Miss E.I. Ogilvy Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy attended the marriage of Mr Jonathan Cubitt. son of Sir Hugh and Lady Cubitt of Dorking, Surrey, to Miss Emma Ogilvy, younger daughter of the Hon James Ogilvy, of Grantham, Lincolnshire, and the Hon Mrs James Ogilvy, of London, SWII, held on Saturday at Cortachy Kirk, Tayside, Mr Dennis Leadbeater and Father Neil Gallagher official-

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Marina Ayton, Zenouska Mowatt, Antonia Speir, Char-loue Goffin, Sophie Harding-Rolls, Lily Wright, Sebastian Golfin. Archie Smyth-Osbourne. George Harding-Rolls, Sam Bar ing and William Fortescue. Mr Andrew Lovd was best man. A reception was held at Cortachy Castle and the honeymoon

will be spent abroad. Mr R.M.C. Watson and Lady Vanessa Brown The marriage took place quietly in London, on April 15, 1999, between Mr Rupert Watson and Lady

Vanessa Brown. Mr W.E.K. Watts and the Hoa Laura Goodbart The marriage took place on Satur-day at St Lawrence Jewry-next-

wall, and Mr Jeffrey Watts, of

William Watts, son of Mrs Gillian Watts, of Trevarnon Bay, Corn-

and Miss S.M. Vuckovic Dr and Mrs 1.N.F. McQueen, of Cardiff, and Mr and Mrs M. Vuckovic, of Belgrade, announce that the marriage of Mr David McOueen and Miss Silva vic took place on April 16, 1999, at. Egerton Grey Country House. near Cardiff.

Dinner

London Pembrokeshire Society Brigadier Rolph James, President of the London Pembrokeshire Society, presided at the annual dinner held on Friday at Innhold ers' Hall, London. The Dean of St David's Cathedral, Lieutenant Colonel S. Tate US Army (a descendant of Col Tate who commanded the French invasion of Fishguard in 1797), and Miss Eleanor Davies, committee chairman, also spoke.

Spectacle Makers

Company The Spectacle Makers' Company presented its frame design awards at the NEC Birmingham on Saturday. The first student prize went to Ms Vicky Newman, of the University of Wales Institute, Cardiff.

Anniversaries BIRTHS: David Ricardo, econo mist, London, 1772: Richard Hughes. novelist, Weybridge, Surrey. 1900; Jim Mollison, aviator, Glasgow, 1905. DEATHS: Queen Christina of

Sweden, reigned 1644-54, Rome, 1689; George Gordon Byron, 6th. Baron Byron, poet, Missolonghi, Greece, 1824; Benjamin Distueli, lst Earl of Beaconsfield, Prime-Minister 1868 and 1874-80. Landon: 1881: Charles Darwin, naturalist Down, Kent, 1882; Pierre Curie: physicist, Nobel laureate 1903, Paris. 1906: Daphne du Maurier. novelist, Cornwall, 1989. The War of American Independence began with the defeat of the. British at Lexington, 1775. Prince Rainier of Monaco married

the actress Grace Kelly, 1956

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Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD. Psalm

BIRTHS

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CARPENTER - On March 23rd. to Victoria mée Cambiel and Stephen. daughter, Henrietta Hélène, a sister for

FORD - On April 15th in Pittsburgh, to Michelle ince Darth) and James, a daughter, Felicity Grace Anne, a sister for Jemima GARNER - On 14th April to rbara (née Powell) an non, a daughter, Elsa

Anna Alice. DEATHS

BALFOUR - James died in his sleep on Wednesday 14th April 1999. He will never know how sorely missed he will be he will be **BAYUSS** - John Edward

SATUSS - Jonn Edward retired Teacher at St Paul's School 15th April 1999 after a short illness in hospital. Cremation at Mortlake Crematorium 22nd April 1999 at 1.30pm. To place death notices.

acknowledgements

or notices please call 0171 680 6880

DEATHS

BRACK - Of cancer on 13th
April aged 46 years.
Andrew Fortune, elder son
of Arthur and the late
Betty Brack of Edinburgh.
Service at St George's
Church, Osborne Road,
Jesmond, at 1.15 pm on
Friday 23rd April followed
by cremation at the West
Road Crematorium at 2pm.
Family flowers only.
Donations if desired to St
Oswald's Hospice. Oswald's Hospice.
Gosforth, Newcastle upon
Tyne, NE3 1EE.

BUTLER-BOWDON - Abox (Buppa) on April 14th at St Andrew's Residential Home, Stick Hill, Home, Stick Hill, Edenbridge, Kent. Greatly loved mother of Rachel. Sarah and Humphrey and grandmother of Sacha. Benjamin, George, Fred. Ruby and Beatrice. Funeral at St Andrew's on Thursday April 22nd at 11am. Flowers to S. Smith & Sons. 127 Lingfield Road, Edenbridge, Kent.

CAYZER - William Nicholas
(Lord Cayzer) died in
London on Friday 16th
April in his 90th year.
Husband of the late Betty
and very much loved
(ather of Nichola and
Elizabeth. Denrest
spandiather of Amanda grandfather of Amanda grandfather of Amanda. Arabelis and Jamie, and Great grandfather of Nicholas. Alexander, Emily, Eleenor, Molly. George and Lily. The funeral service will be at Gartmore Parish Church. Aberfoyle, Perthshire on Saturday 24th April at 12 noon. Family only. No mourning. Enquiries to Cayzer House 0171 481 4343. DENT - On 14th April, in Cairo at the end of a wonderful family holida Sir Robin Dent KCVO, much loved husband of Ann, dearly loved father Annabel and Jonny and loving grandfather of Katherine. Susanna and

loving grandfather of Katherine, Susanna and Thomas, David, Etta and Rosie, Private cremation. A Service of Thankagiving will be held at a ister date. Donations in his memory, if wished, to the Florence Nightingale Museum Education Fund for Nurses, 2 Lambeth Palace Rosd, SEI 7EW.

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ERNANDEZ - Jean Margaret
MBE passed away
peacefully on April 16th
1999. agod 77 years. The
dearly beloved wife of
Fardio dearest mother of
Peter and Mark. The
funeral service at Comptor reter and mark. The funeral service at Compton Bishop Church near Axbridge on Wednesday 21st April at noon. Flowers are welcome and may be sent to C V Gower & Sons. The Square, Winscombo, North Somerset, tal: 01934 442945

HOOPER - Edward Charles Sanford tragically in a road accident on 15th April aged 19. Beloved eldest son of David and Philippa, beloved brothe of James and of Kate and Alice. Funeral and memorial arrangements obtainable from Ted Williams & Sons of Williams & Sons of Abergavenny (01873 853942). Family flowers oply - donations if desired to National Rehabilitation Cantre for the Paralysed. Stuart House, Butt Street. Minchinhampton, Stroud, Glos GL6 9JS. LEWIS - Dr G.E.D., exMalayan Education
Service and author, father
of Megan and Rhiannon,
peacefully on 12th April
1999. Funeral at
Cwrtycadno Chapel on
Friday 23rd April 1999.
Enquiries to Gwilym C.
Price Funeral Directors,
tel: 01570 422673.

tel: 01570 422573. OSMOND - Andrew Philip Kingsford aged 61, died on Wednesday April 14th 1999 at The Royal Marsden Hospital, London, Private ARKER - Jeanie Smith late of Romsey. Hampshire, formerly of Upper Mall, Hammersmith, London

namersmin, London died pencefully on 13th April, Former Deputy Head (retired) Haberdashers Askers School, Cremation at Southampton Crematorium, East Chape on Thursdan, East Chape on Thursday 22nd April at 2.30pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Cancer Research may be sent to A.H.

Cheater, Funeral Directors, Romsey PUGH - Dr Roger C B. M.D. F.R.C.S. & F.R.C Path. Died in Hospital on April 15th. A much loved Husband to Dorothy and a loving Father and Grandiather, Funeral Service to take place at Beckenham Crematoria on Friday April 23rd at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Parkinsons Disease Society or Royal Medical Benevolent Fund, c/o H. Copeland & Son, 9

Beckenham, Kent BR3

WOODMAN - Henry Gerald peacefully at home on April 15th aged 76 years. Beloved husband of Mavi Beloved husband of Mavi and much loved father of Polly and Guy. Funeral and thanksgiving service at Heathfield Church on Friday 33rd April at noon Family flowers only, donations if desired to British Heart Foundation or Milverton Surgery c/o Anthony James FD. Wiveliscombe.

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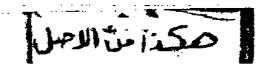


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LORD CAYZER

Lord Cayzer, Chairman of British and Commonwealth Shipping, 1958-87, and of Caledonia Investments, 1958-94. died on April 16 aged 89. He was born on January 21, 1910.

or many years one of the bastions of the City's ship-ping community, Nicholas Cayzer was the grandson of Sir Charles Cayzer, 1st Baronet, the founder of Clan Line Steamers, whose merger with Union Castle led to the creation of British and Commonwealth Shipping in 1955. The years of Nicholas Cayzer's stewardship were ones of steady decline in the British shipping industry. At the turn of the century half the world's merchant ships had flown the British flag and even in 1950 Britain still had 30 per cent of the ships affoat.

By 1960 that figure was down to 15 per cent and ten years later stood at II per cent. The next decade saw an acceleration in the decline and

by the end of it the figure was down to below 5 per cent.

But Cayzer was a shrewd businessman as well as a proud shipowner. During his chairmanship he oversaw a diversification by British and Commonwealth into a broad spread of business interests, investing in office equipment, financial services, hotels and air transport. By the end of this period shipping formed a very minor part of British and Commonwealth's business. The 100-ship fleet it had inherited from the merger of Clan Line and Union Castle was down to

Finally, in the summer of 1987 Caledonia Investments, the financial vehicle of the Cayzer family, withdrew all but a small proportion of its longstanding investment in British and Commonwealth, receiving more than £300 million

Hence, Caledonian and the personal fortune of the Cayzer family were untouched by the events of "Black Monday", the stock market crash of October 1987, which left British and Commonwealth in severe difficulties.

Earlier that year Cayzer had been named the ninth richest man in Britain by a survey in Elite magazine, with a fortune estimated at £500 million.

William Nicholas Cayzer was born at Mauchline, Ayrshife, the son of Sir August Cayzer, 1st Baronet. Himself the third son of Sir Charles Cayzer, August Cayzer had been created a baronet in 1921. Charles Cayzer, who had bought his first merchant ship. Clan Alpine, in 1878, had been created a baronet in 1904. Nicholas Cayzer was educated at

Eton and Corpus Christi College. Cambridge, where he read history. He entered Clan Line Steamers on coming down from university in 1931, and by 1938 was a director, subsequently to become chairman. When the Second World War

broke out he wanted to serve, and

for a brief period was in the Army. But it was clear that his shipping knowhow would be much more valuable to the war effort than his eye behind the sights of a rifle could, and he was soon brought back to the firm to help with the organisation of convoys. He succeeded to the baronetcy on his father's death in 1943. He was chairman of the Liverpool Steam Ship Owners' Association, 1944-45, Liverpool being Clan Line's home

In 1948, on the death of Major Harold Cayzer, he became vice-chairman of Clan Line under his uncle, the 1st Lord Rotherwick, and in 1955 he took a leading part in the negotiations which led to the merger of Clan Line with the Union Castle Mail Steamship Co to form British and Commonwealth Shipping. On the death of Lord Rotherwick in 1958, he became chairman of the new company.

Thereafter, in addition to his

Commonwealth Shipping, he was president of the Chamber of Ship-ping and chairman of the General Council of British Shipping, as well as being president of the Institute of Marine Engineers, 1963-64.

He was also a member of the Mersey Dock and Harbour Board and of the National Dock Labour Board. As such he frequently had to deal with the increasingly intractable labour problems which beset the shipping industry. He was created a life peer in 1982.

After selling his family's interests in British and Commonwealth in 1987 and stepping down as chair-man. Cayzer continued as chair-man of Caledonia Investments until 1994 when he became president of the company. In retirement he continued to be an enthusiastic golfer and was a fine shot.

Nicholas Cayzer married, in 1935, Elizabeth Catherine, daugh-ter of Owain Williams. She died in 1995 and he is survived by their two



Cayzer on board a Union Castle ship in the 1960s

AIR COMMODORE G. J. 'TAFFY' POWELL

shrewd stewardship of British and

Air Commodore G. J. "Taffy" Powell, CBE, operations director of the wartime Atlantic air ferry organisation, died on March 8 aged 91. He was born on August 11, 1907.

IN THE 1930s, when it seemed that the future of long-range air travel lay in the flying boat rather than in airliners operating from land, Taffy Powell undertook transatlantic flights as Imperial Airways sought to develop its long distance routes. Later, after war had broken out, he returned to the RAF where he had started his flying career. and played an important role in the development of Ferry Command which systema-tised the delivery of the vast numbers of aircraft which had to be brought across the Atlantic from American factories for use in the European war theatre.

Griffith James Powell was born in Cardiff. He had originally intended to be an engineer, and for that purpose went to Bristol University, But Bristol, with its famous aircraft company, sparked an interest in flying and in 1926 he joined the RAF, where the metamorphosis of Griffith to Taffy was very soon accomplished — and the nickname stuck fast. His first posting was to No 58 Squadron, then commanded by Arthur (later "Bomber") Harris. Even then. the fiery Harris was firmly convinced of the efficacy of night bombing, and No 58 got plenty of practice at it.

Powell, centre, and other Imperial Airways aircrew planning a transatlantic flight by the flying boat Cambria in 1937

played rugby, in the process encountering Douglas Bader who played scrum half for the RAF College, Cranwell. Both Powell's next posting was as men took and gave hard

CFS and Cranwell.

Powell found his next job instructor to the Auxiliary Air Force - less enjoyable, and when, in 1930, Imperial Air-

an instructor at the Central knocks in a series of highly ways began advertising for Flying School, where he competitive matches between ex-homber pilots to develop its ter Pilot's Licence — the first African routes, he jumped at the chance and left the RAF. Soon he was taking imperial's first four-engined airliner to South Africa.

Next, after taking his Masissued for both landplanes and flying boats - he set out on a series of transatlantic proving flights in the Short C Class flying boat Cambria (the flying boats were named rather as if they had been ships). In the course of these in 1937 he set a record for the crossing between Newfoundland and Ireland of 10 hours 33 minutes. This stood for seven years until he himself broke it in a Liberator bomber

in 1944. Powell's navigational skills came to Imperial's aid in January 1939 when Cambria's sister "ship" Cavalier had to ditch in the Atlantic while on a flight between New York and Bermuda. As night fell, air searches had to be called off and hope for passengers and crew faded. But the navigational knowhow of Powell, who was then in Bermuda as Imperial's operations manager, calculated a likely position for the ditching and directed the nearest ship, the tanker Esso Baytown, to the spot. The master of the tanker found Powell's estimated position was accurate to within a few hundred yards, and the ten survivors of the crash were rescued.

When war came in 1939 Powell tried to rejoin the RAF but was told that at 32 he was too old for active service. A chance meeting with an old RAF messmate led to his joining the Royal Canadian Air Force, where he became a navigation specialist with Eastern Air Command, providing air cover for Atlantic convoys.

With the ordering of a large number of American-built Hudson bombers by Britain to increase the effectiveness of convoy protection, it became imperative to devise a system-

atic air ferry system to get the aircraft from their factories in California to RAF Coastal Command's bases. Within a few months the Imperial Airways transatlantic team of 1937 had reassembled in Canada to form the Atlantic Ferry Organisation (Aftero), and Powell had been disentangled from the RCAF and put in charge of the ferry system's forward base at Gander, Newfoundland. He subsequently

became operations controller of Aftero. On November 10, 1940, the first squadron of Hudsons, led by Don Bennett (later to found the Pathfinder Force) left America and all arrived safely in Britain. The first span of the Atlantic air bridge was in place. Powell was subsequently posted back to Bermuda to establish another link, the delivery of Catalina flying boats to Greenock on the Clyde, a flight which often took the slow-flying Catalina

24 hours. In June 1941 Aftero became RAF Ferry Command (in 1943 its name changed again, to 45 Group Transport Command) and undertook all the transport and communications tasks associated with the mass of aircraft pouring into Britain as the war proceeded and the invasion of Europe loomed. The ferry operation also supplied aircraft for the Desert Air Force and anti-tank ammunition for the 8th Army in North Africa. In June 1943 Powell was reinstated in the RAF with the rank of air commodore and appointed riage. He CBE. By the end of the war the two sons.

ferry operation had delivered more than 9,000 aircraft, losing only 74 in the process.

After the war Powell returned to civilian life and set up British Aviation Services, a ferry organisation which delivered war surplus transport aircraft to the rapidly growing commercial airline sector. When BAS became Silver City Airways. Powell became its managing director. Familiar in the 1950s for its car ferry service in bulb-nosed Bristol Freighters between Lympne and Le Touquet, Silver City Airways started life doing something very different. In the fraught months of the partition of India and Pakistan it was involved in the mass airlifting of Hindus and Muslims between the two

At its peak in 1954 Silver City was carrying 40,000 cars and 100,000 passengers a year. On one single July day that year Silver City aircraft crossed the Channel 222 times.

In 1957 Powell stepped down from his post at Silver City, which had by then been taken over by P&O, but within a few months was back in harness as BOAC director of the troubled subsidiary, British West Indian Airlines. He subsequently moved to Nassau as chairman and managing director of Bahamas Airways before finally retiring to the South of France, where he had lived quietly for the past thirty

His wife Marion died in 1995 after 62 years of marriage. He is survived by his

SIR IAN McADAM

Sir Ian McAdam, OBE. surgeon, died on March 4 aged 82. He was born on February 15, 1917.

IAN McADAM inspired a generation of tropical surgeons by his charismatic leadership, outstanding teaching skills and surgical gifts. During his time in Uganda, from 1946 to 1972, he played a leading role in the development of Mulago Hospital and the Makerere University Medical School in Kampala, creating a centre of excellence which not only served the needs of developing Africa but attracted surgeons and surgical trainees from all parts of the globe. His expulsion by Idi Amin was a sign of the destruction that was to come.

lan William James McAdam was born in South Africa. the second of four sons of a mining engineer, who had gone out originally to serve with the British forces in the Boer War and who settled eventually in Shabani, Southern Rhodesia, where he managed the asbestos mine. All four brothers served in turn as head boy at Plumtree School. Southern Rhodesia.

Major-General Sir Charles Dun-

phie, of Wincanton, Somerset, left

SWII, left estate valued at

Jocelyn Lady Londesborough, of

Newport. Isle of Wight. left estate

Sir William Stuttaford, of Great

Wighorough, Colchester, Essex.

eft estate valued at £4,178,387 net.

Mr Lancelot Guy Allgood, of

Hexham. Northumberland, left

estate valued at £13.140.544 het. He left £5.000 each to the Roman Catholic Church at Hesham and the Northern Engineers Fund (Hesham and Newcaste

Mr James Walion Reynard, of

Tholthorpe, York, left estate valued

at £11.323,789 net. Mr Sydney Lawrence Duckitt, of

alued at £380,047 net.

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estate valued at E1,355,542 net.

From an early age lan McAdam wanted to be a surgeon, so he studied medicine at Edinburgh University. Following a period as supervisor in anatomy at Cambridge University he returned to Edinburgh to work with Sir James Learmonth as the Wilkie Surgical Research Fellow, participating in the excitement surrounding the early successful use of penicillin to treat osteomyelitis and invasive bacterial infec-

time of independence.

and craft of surgery for which he became world renowned.

He married Hrothgarde

(nėe Gibson) in 1939 and despite an invitation to stay on in Edinburgh after the war. opted to return to Africa in 1946 to take up a post in Uganda. As senior surgical specialist to the Ugandan Government he was on occasion the only surgeon at Mulago. the main government hospital in Kampala and the forerunner of the showpiece hospital which came into being at the

The wealth of surgical experience he now acquired laid the foundation for the skills as a teacher of the art, science He was duly appointed to the



McAdam in Africa: an inspiration to a generation of tropical surgeons

chair of surgery at Makerere University, then the only medical school in East Africa. McAdam was a superb operating surgeon, whose skills encompassed a vast range of specialities. But he was perhaps even more influential as a surgical teacher. His teaching rounds on the wards were legendary, the knowledge being imparted in a manner

which challenged but never ridiculed. His abiding commitment to the training of doctors gave the school a growing reputation as a source of graduates able to work in the remote communities and iso-

lated hospitals of East Africa. The first generation of East African surgeons were trained in his department. McAdam also encouraged the establishment of other medical schools in the region. Many of his trainees returned to develop prominent roles in the surgical services of their own countries.

Although McAdam would not have claimed to be a prominent scientist and surgical research worker, he knew quality science when he saw it. made major contributions to the development of clinical surgery and created an environment in which research could flourish. He was in-volved with the establishment of the Uganda Blood Transfusion Service, the Polio Treatment Centre and the Cancer Institute, was a founder member and later the president of the East African Association of Surgeons, and in 1975 was awarded the John Bruce Medal by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. McAdam was deeply com-

mitted to the development of a multiracial society in Uganda and strove to ensure that the new hospital did not perpetu-ate the folly of an earlier system in which the Kampala hospitals were segregated according to the racial origin of their patients.

He found time for many activities outside surgery, representing Uganda at several sports, including tennis, cricket and golf, and winning national titles at golf, tennis and motor rallying. Other hobbies included photogra-phy, gardening and a deep love of the African bush and

its wildlife. His first marriage ended in divorce in 1961. Six years later he was married for the second time, to Pamela Hunt (née Medawar), and their home in Kampala was a haven of hospitality.

When President Obote was shot in the head, McAdam operated - but only after soldiers brandishing automatic weapons had been cleared from the immediate confines of the operating theatre. But

he was to fall foul of another President. It was a cruel day for Uganda when in 1972 he was expelled by Idi Amin, along with the professors of medicine and obstetrics. Among the reasons cited were the efforts of the three to help Asian colleagues to find posts overseas. He could hardly have been happy to remain under that regime.

After a year at the National Cancer Institute in Washington, the call of Africa and its big skies proved more alluring than a number of job offers in the northern hemisphere. The McAdams settled near Plettenburg Bay in South Africa. where he undertook all the surgery at the Knysna Hospital, operating until he was 72. He retired to Middleton

Stoney, Oxfordshire, in 1992 after 65 years in Africa, moving recently to Devon to be closer to his immediate family. McAdam was knighted in 1966 for services to Uganda.

He had been appointed OBE in 1957. He is survived by his wife Pamela and by the children of his first marriage, two daugh-

ters and a son who is a professor of tropical medicine.

Latest wills

Sir Denys Buckley, a Lord Justice of Appeal 1970-81, left estate valued at £333,059 net. He left £501 each to the Merchant Taylors' Company and to Lincoln's line, and £500 to the Old Stagers. Cookley, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, left estate valued at E7,318,527 net. Mrs Suzanne Mary Howell Skel-ton, of London NWS, left estate Lady Catto. of Minchinhampton. valued at £3.771,463 net. Gloucestershire, and London Audrey Vaughan Bain, of New-

port. South Wales, left estate port. South Wales, iett estate valued at £2.316.488 net. She left £10.000 in St Wooloo Cathodrai, Newport, plus shares in her residuary estate to the Association for International Camer. Research, Imperial Camer Research Fund, International Fund for Animal Welfare, Breast Camer Campaign, St Anne's Hospite of St Joseph's Private Hospital, Malpas, and St David's Foundation, Newport.

Mr Ian Dawson Grant, of London Will left estate valued at Lady Hailsham of St Maryle-bone of London SW15, left estate valued at £320,944 net.

Wil, left estate valued at He left £1,000 to the Governors of Westmin-ster School and £200 to the Noise Abatement

Mr Dudley Norman Latter, of Redland, Bristol, left estate valued at F2 \$42.369 riet. Betty Evelyn Rogers, of Gerrards Cross. Buckinghamshire, left es-nate valued at £2,775.011 net. She left £10,000 each to the Thames Valley Hospice and the World Cancer Research Fund. Mrs Jill Adrienne Walford, of Pound Green, Baughurst, Hampstrire, left estate valued at £2,358,383 net. She left 500 each to The Samarizans, The Friends of Progressive Judzism in Israel, World Wildlife Fund and the Liberal Jewish

Mr Frederick George Bedford. of Torquay, Devon, left estate valued at £1,016,005 net. He left £1,000 each to Torbay Hospital Laque of Friends, the Parkinson's Disease Society, and the National Society for Camer Relief Torquay branch.

Mr Steven Michael Critchley, of Retford, Nottingham, left estate valued at £1,225,680 net. Eva May Downes, of Exmouth, Devon, left estate valued at EL,180,444 net. Mr Henry Julian Downing, of Hampstead, London NW3, left

Mr Ceridwen Gordon, of Todding-

ton, Dunstable. Bedfordshire. left

estate valued at \$1,051,351 net.

estate valued at £1,025,805.

Audrey Draycott, of Woodman-cote, Henfield, West Sussex, left estate valued at £1,481,411 net Place, Brighton.
Mr Edmund Hine, of Alderiey Edge, Cheshire, left estate valued at \$1,048,442 net.

Mrs Pamela Mary Hope, o Millord on Sea, Hampshire, left state valued at £1,150,713. Mrs Marties James, of Wimble-don, left estate valued at £1,600,915 Mr Alfred William Kirby, of West

Branksome, Poole, Dorset, left estate valued at £1,237,942 net. Mr John Reginald Mathews. of Crossenny, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, left estate valued at £1,357,499 net.

Betty Ziela Mary Pether, of Hill-head, Farcham, Hampshire, left estate valued at £1,050,180 net. She left £200 to the Royal UK Benevolent

Mr George William Pykett, of Commanhay, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, en estate valued at £1,311,328. Mr Richard Peter Yates, of Wrea Green, near Preston, left estate valued at £1,145,632 net.

THE COST OF A STRIKE

Mr. A. J. COOK, the miners' secretary,

speaking at an industrial conference at Clapham on Saturday, said the onus of the crisis lay with the owners and the Government. The miners wanted peace and a living wage. The owners wanted war to depress wages and lengthen hours. The miners would win if that issue was forced. The present wages, continued Mr. Cook, were a disgrace to a civilized community. The owners and the Government demanded from the miners further sacrifice in longer hours and lower wages. The owners refused to discuss with the miners' accredited representatives nationally the wages they intended to impose. All the customs, conditions, and wages that had taken half a century to build up, after the greatest struggles and sacrifices, were to be wiped out, and notices had been given to many of their men. The employers intended to lock them out.

This was no ordinary crisis. All the

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经金额经 Tough talk from the miners' secretary.

in the year of the General Strike. illustrates the bitter rift between them and the colliery owners.

workers were involved, and the miners in every country were bound up in the struggle. They had reached a stage when it was not a mere wage issue that was involved. Even the biggest Tory now would say there must be a change somewhere. The Prime Minister could not afford to ignore the Miners' Federation. One miner was worth more than 12 Bishops; the Bishops got the money and the miner got the work. The miner never got one increase in wages voluntarily. Was there anybody there dull enough to believe that the Govern-

Government were sure to back the owners. The struggle must involve not only the miners but the whole of the working classes. The miners must make up their minds that they were not going to retreat any more. They had got the whole trade union movement in the country pledged to defend the miners' hours, wages, and national agreements. Abroad they had made arrangements that no coal should come into this country. "My last word" to the Government." said Mr. Cook, "is 'Count the cost'. The cost of a strike of the miners would mean the end of capitalism. Let me warn the Government that there is a new mentality in the police, the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force. Ninety-seven per cent, of the recruits for the past two years have come from the working classes, and thousands of them miners, who will not shoot against their kith and kin when the order comes, and we shall not be afraid to advise them. (Cheers). This is a war to the death, and it is your death they are after. It is your wages they want."

ment were going to help them? The

Poison cloud engulfs Belgrade

An ecological catastrophe was unfolding in the Balkans yesterday after Nato deliberately bombed a combined petrochemicals, fertiliser and refinery complex on the banks of the Danube in the northern outskirts of Belgrade.

A series of detonations that shook the whole city early sent a deeply toxic cloud of smoke and gasses hundreds of feet into the night sky. In the opaque dawn the choking cloud could be seen

Counting the cost of war

■ Gordon Brown has ordered a running audit of the "fantastically uncertain" cost of the war amid fears that it could exhaust the Treasury reserves set aside for emergencies. Teams of officials from four departments are working full time on estimates of the final total and its impact on the public account Page 1

Hume prayers

Christian congregations of all de-

nominations across Britain joined in prayer vesterday for Car-

dinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of

Westminster, who has disclosed

that he is dying of cancer. Page 7

by Tracie Andrews yesterday ac-

cused her of trying to "save her

own skin" after she finally con-

fessed to the killing, in a letter

from prison. Andrews, who was

jailed for life in 1997 for the mur-

der of Lee Harvey after claiming

that an unknown "road rage" kill-

er had stabbed him 35 times.

wrote that she had "lost all con-

The Queen and the Duke of Edin-

burgh are not the most dedicated

of football fans but they will be un-

able to avoid the game when they

begin a four-day state visit to

South Korea today, the first by a

British monarch to the tiger econ-

omy that is struggling to recover

indonesia 'cleansing'

Sport of royals

Killer's confession

Pinochet fights on

The former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet pledged yesterday to fight Jack Straw's decision to allow extradition proceedings against him to go ahead... Page 2

Adams warning

Gerry Adams gave a warning that, if London and Dublin insisted on IRA disarmament before admitting Sinn Fein to an executive, the Good Friday peace accord was "dead"...

Winning woman

A 28-year-old Kenyan mother had the biggest payday for a single event in women's athletics history when she earned £210,000 for winning the Flora London Mara-

Market bomber

Police gave warning that the "vicious and reckless" bomber behind the nail-bomb attack on a London market could strike again. Senior police and ministers said that the bomber may have wanted to kill rather than maim his victims......Pages 1. 4. 5

Sunrise view

Hordes of visitors descended on the Royal Academy for their last chance to catch a Monet sunrise. The first 24-hour exhibition in Britain enabled thousands of people, who could not get tickets during normal hours, to see Monet in the 20th Century.....Page 6

Armed pro-Indonesian militia-

men were in control of the East Timorese capital of Dili last night after a weekend of terror in which a loyalist leader called for the "cleansing" of all those who are in favour of independence from In-

The ia's (almost) have it

■ The German parliament meets for the first time today in the new Reichstag, decked out with a glass dome that shines out of the Berlin gloom like a lighthouse in the fog. Everyone seems pleased with the architect. Sir Norman Foster, though there are still a few grumbles about brightly coloured wooden panels and the narrow widths of the seats......Page 16



If winter comes: Sledgers above Holme, near Holmfirth. West Yorkshire, enjoying the unseasonal April weather yesterday

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Taxing issue: The meeting of European finance minister in Dresden failed to yield any developments on EU plans to put a 20 per cent withholding tax on eurobonds..Page 52 Checking out: City dealers are likely to learn sooner rather than later whether their bets on a hostile takeover bidder for Asda will bear fruit. On Friday the supermarket group agreed to a £17.5 billion mergerPage 52 with Kingfisher..... Useful acquisition: Lord Lloyd-Webber, the composer has bought back the 30 per cent he did not own of Really Useful Group......Page 52 Scottish question: The Govern-

ment has offered concessions on the

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The National Portrait

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why there is more

than meets the eve

to the artist

The deal that

could spell the

end of legal aid

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SPORT Football: Chelsea missed a glorious chance to close the gap at the top of the FA Carling Premiership as Leicester City scored twice in the Page 27 last ten minutes...

London marathon: Abdelkader El Mouaziz broke away from a starstudded field to become the first Moroccan to win the race, first staged in 1981..... Page 29 Snooker: Dominic Dale estab-

lished a record points tally in a frame after several misses by his opponent and a century break in the World Championship...... Page 29 Golf: Englishman Lee Westwood maintained his remarkable record in play-offs by winning the Macau Open at the second extra hole, but Darren Clarke was penalised for turning up late... ...Page 38 Cup final: Millwall supporters out-

numbered those of Wigan Athletic five to one but they went home miserable after a 1-0 defeat in the Auto Windscreens Trophy final.Page 33 Racing: The Henry Cecil-trained Enrique has been installed as the new Sagitta 2,000 Guineas favourite after winning the Tripleprint Stakes at Newbury.....

LOTTERY AUMBERS

3, 16, 28, 29, 41, 46. Bonus: 6 One ticket won £8,185,387; 12 tickets. with five numbers and the bonus won £209,881 each; 742 tickets won £2,121 for five numbers; 41,954 won £82 for four numbers: 822,874 won £10 for three numbers.

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On two fronts

Western public understanding of what is at stake over Kosovo is clearer than it ever was over Bosnia. But at this critical juncture, decisive leadership is essential. If politicians falter, so too will their deeply moved but legitimately anxious

No compromise

Gordon Brown seems ready to concede the principle of EU tax harmonisation, provided that he can oh. tain an exemption for eurobonds Such damage limitation is not good enough.... .. Page 23

Brixton's bravery

So far, no group has claimed responsibility for Saturday's nail bomb. What is clear, though, is the courage and quick thinking of all those caught up in this dreadful incident. Brixton is a resilient place. It has had to be

COLUME

William Rees-Mogg

The unity of Nato extends only to the bombing campaign; it could not expect to be maintained if there were a ground invasion of Yugosla-

Peter Riddell

Devolution is strewn with potential traps and contradictions but the Government and Buckingham Palace have shrewdly avoided one of the most dangerous......Page 22

Anna Blundy

At the end of winter the mood of your Russian lightens and he pulls all the insulation out of the gaps in the windows and starts doing what he does best, which is enjoy himself

Lord Cayzer, Chairman of British and Commonwealth Shipping; Alr Commodore G.J. Taffy' Powell; Sir lan McAdam, surgeon. Page 25

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- 9 Current charge for buttonhole (6). 10 Make mistake with lane turn not committed to memory (8).
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- changes relating to punishment 14 One may be held up exercising
- boxers (9). 17 Creature with segmented body or hard top, oddly (9).
- 19 Servant seen around university is

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 21,080 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token

22 Ambiguous prophecy line accept-ed by old tribe (6).

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24 What should I do with this French furniture, pray? (4-4). 25 Security device installed near

26 Teased for being in tatters (6). 27 Following whip-round I become reticent (8).

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5 Thoroughly ridicule comic with out trial (5,3,2,5). 6 Flavouring lacking, at first. in special cooking (8).

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mal fodder (9). 16 Parrot's prison has nothing on top (8).

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun sets: 8.03 pm Moon sets: 12.20 am First quarter April 22 London 8.03 pm to 5.55 am Bristot 8.13 pm to 6.05 am Edinburgh 8.27 pm to 5.56 am Manchester 8.16 pm to 5.59 am Penzance 8.22 pm to 6.20 am





☐ General: SE and N England, Midlands, E Anglia, N Wales will have surny spells alter misl clears; a lew heavy showers. Hazy sun in S Wales and SW England in moming: rain later. Surny spells, winty showers in E Scotland. N treland, W Sootland surny with showers. Tonight rain in many areas, sometimes heavy; perhaps wet snow in Pennines Strengthening SE wind. Much of Scotland cold with frost.

☐ London, SE, Cent S England, E Anglia, Midlands: after early mst and low cloud clear, sunny spells, sharp showers. Light, variable wind, becoming SE, Max 12C (54F).

wmd, becoming SE. Max 124 (2917).

E, Cent N, NE England: rather cold, sunny spells, heavy showers, perhaps withly on hills. Light, variable winds. Max 9C (48F).

Channel Is, SW England, S Wales: dry.

Scotland: cold: Sunny spells, writry sho Light and variable winds. Max 8C (46F). SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argylt early frost then sunny spells, writry showers Fresh-ening SE breeze Mex 11C (52F). ☐ Irish Rep; mainly dry, bright, cloud later Rain in SW Freshening SE wind Max 11C (52F).

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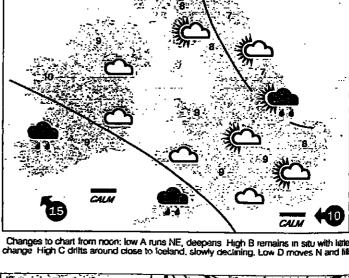
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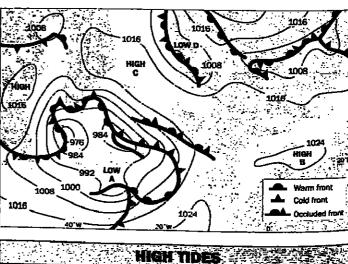
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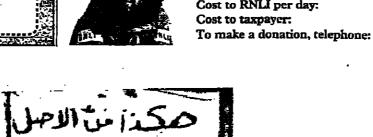
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VIALLI'S ERROR BRINGS DOWN CURTAIN ON



Wilkins, left, the Chelsea coach, and Vialli, second left, the player-manager, can watch only in despair as a two-goal lead is thrown away after the fateful substitution of Duberry for Ferrer. Photographs: Marc Aspland

Chelsea's bubble bursts

THEY loaded their players with honours before the game. Ed de Goey got his from one branch of the supporters' club; Gustavo Poyet got his from another. They even gave one to Frank Sinclair, a visiting old boy, just for being there. Sadly for Chelsea, once they had started dispensing largesse yesterday, they could not stop. For 80 minutes, they dominated Leicester City; for 80 minutes, they cruised towards a comfortable victory that would have brought them back to within a point of Manchester United at the top of the FA Carling Premiership, with everything still to play for and the pressure bearing down on

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the leaders. Then, as they patted themselves on the back a bit more, Gianluca Vialli, their playermanager, made a dreadfully misjudged substitution that turned the game and, before they knew it, they had given away something far more precious than any of the trinkets that they had parted with

In five minutes of madness near the end of a season of toil and perseverance, Chelsea threw away a two-goal lead and, with it, their hopes of winning the title for another year. If ever a draw felt like a crushing defeat, this was it.

Their second draw in five days left them three points behind United, but Alex Ferguson's side have a game in hand. For Chelsea to win the championship now. United would probably have to lose two of their last six games when they have only lost three of their previous 32. It is between United and Arsenal

Vialli, perhaps missing the influence of the jailed Graham Zola lobbed the ball over Kel-



Rix, looked utterly despairing, his face set like stone as he disappeared down the Stamford Bridge tunnel after the final whistle. He would not speak to the media, but Graeme Le Saux gave a hint of the atmosphere in the dressing-room. "Do not try to interview Luca under any circumstances," the defender said with a wry smile.

Vialli does not attend press conferences any more anyway, but Ray Wilkins, Rix's successor as first-team coach, admitted that the championship had probably slipped out of reach. "That makes it very difficult for us now," Wilkins said. "We have got five games left and we have got to win. them all to stand any chance of winning the title. Then we just have to hope the others slip

Their challenge appears to have foundered, ultimately, on their failure to replace Pierluigi Casiraghi, injured early in the season, with a goalscorer of a similar calibre, someone who could have finished Leicester off yesterday when they were at Chelsea's mercy.

They had eased their way into the lead in the thirtieth minute, when Gianfranco



Guppy strikes the late equalised at Stamford Bridge yesterday that may have ended Cheisea's challenge

ler after a fine pass from Jody Morris and an even finer one from Roberto Di Matteo had carved open the Leicester defence. They nearly went farther ahead ten minutes after half-time, but Keller somehow managed to claw a diving header from Dennis Wise off the line when it seemed that it was impossible to keep it out.

They did extend their lead midway through the second half. Di Matteo was the provider once more. His pass freed Dan Petrescu on the right and when his chip over Keller bounced off the post, Matt Elliott could only turn it into his own net. Demoralised and outplayed. Leicester should not have been allowed any

way back. instead, Tore Andre Flo

chances to go with the one that Zofal spurned in the goalless draw away to Middlesbrough in midweek and then Vialli's decision to replace Albert Ferrer with Michael Duberry in the 14th minute changed the course of this game.

Ferrer had had a faultless afterpoon and even though Chelsea were nervous about the aerial threat that Leicester had added to their attack by bringing on Ian Marshall and pushing Ellion up front, removing Ferrer seemed to be a needlessly risky strategy. Suddenly, Emile Heskey,

who had hardly been given a kick by Ferrer, was embarrassing Duberry with his pace and strength. Duberry, flung into the midst of what had suddenly become a desperate rearwasted two good headed guard action, could not deal MANCHESTER UNITED P W D L F A Pts P 32 W 19 D 10 L 3 F 72 A 32 Pts 67 Man Utd 32 19 10 3 72 32 67 April 25 Leeds United (a) May 1 Aston Villa (h) May 5 Uherpool (a) May 16 Tottocham Hote Middlesbrough 34 12 14 8 46 42 50 Derby 33 12 11 10 37 41 47

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eight minutes from the end

when Andrew Impey's hopeful

ball to the back post was hooked back across the face of

the goal by Elliott, bounced off

Duberry's shin and rolled into

the net. Chelsea were reeling.

Marcel Desailly made a des-

perate saving tackle on Cottee.

De Goey pushed out Mar-

Cottee with his stomach.

with that or with the long-ball Ferrer, wriggled past Petres bombardment that followed. cu, drifted in from the left and When they went route onecurled his right-foot shot past

the forlorn dive of De Goey. Martin O'Neill leapt from ish, we did not cope with that very well at all," Wilkins said. the dugout in elation, punching the air. "We were sup-We should have been three or four up by then, but we started to defend too deep and caused ourselves all sorts of probposed to be here to make up the numbers," the Leicester manager said. "We were suplems. I don't know why the posed to be an inferior side. defence did that. You will have but we have just destroyed everybody's idea of what this to ask them." Leicester dragged themselves back into the match

game would be.
"I have just been asked if Chelsea took their foot off the pedal, but no one takes their foot off the pedal when they are going for the championship, no one. I'm sure Alex Ferguson and Arsène Wenger will be delighted with what has happened here today."

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CHELSEA (3-5-2). E de Goey — A Fener (sub. M Duberry, 73min), F Leboeuf, M Deseilly — D Petrescu, R Di Metteo, J Morre (sub: G Poyet, 70), D Wise, B Goldbaek (sub: G Le Saux, 45) — T A Flo, G Zota. LEICESTER CNY (3-6-2): K Kefler — F Sincleir, M Etilot, R Utethorne (sub: P Kaemerk, 33) — A Impey, R Savage, N Lennon, A Gunnlaugsson (sub: I Marshell, 70), S Guppy — A Cobre, E Heskey Reference: M Reed shall's close-range header and Leboeuf blocked a shot from They could not cling on. Two minutes were left when Guppy, who had also been shackled by the attentions of



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Fogarty concedes ground to Corser

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

CARL FOGARTY saw his world superbike championship lead cut to just four points after twice coming second in the second round at Phillip Island in Australia The three-time world champion battled back from poor starts in both races, but could not match Troy Corser, his Ducati team-mate.

Corser, who had claimed pole position with a course record, delighted his home crowd by picking up maximum points with two superb victories. The world champion in 1996. Corser had fin-ished second and third behind Fogarty in the first round at Kyalami in South Africa, but the Briton could not add to his career-tally of 50 wins this time.

Fogarty collected 40 points to reach 90 for the season. with Corser on 86 after his 50-point haul in Australia. The action moves to Donington for the British Grand Prix in round three on May 2, with Fogarty glad to be leading the

"The start proved to be the focal point for the whole of the first race," Fogarty said.
"I could see Troy getting away and had to put a lot of effort into getting back into second place.

The second race was far closer, with Fogarty tracking his great rival from the ninth lap onwards and hitting the front on lap 16 of 22. However, he had put too much pressure on his tyres in the early exchanges and Corser bided his time before reclaiming the advantage on the final cir-

A mistake with two turns to go let Fogarty in again. but the Australian had just enough left in him to sneak back up on the line. Colin Edwards, of the United States. claimed his first podium finishes of the year when taking third in both events on his

Kenny Roberts Jr won his first 500cc race when he triumphed at the Malaysian Grand Prix on Sunday, beating Carlos Checa and Alex Criville, both of Spain, who finished second and third.

Roberts, the Suzuki Rider. and the namesake son of Kenny Roberts, three times the 500cc world champion, won in 44min 56.033sec after starting from third place on the grid. Checa, on a Yamaha, finished 4.3sec behind the Ameri-

Criville, riding a Honda. was 4.8sec behind the winner. John Kocinski, another American, started in pole position, but his race ended on the fourth lap, when he and Norifumi Abe. of Japan. crashed.

Loris Capirossi, of Italy, the world champion, won the 250cc Malaysian Grand Prix on Sunday, after overtaking Tohru Ukawa, of Japan, on

RUGBY LEAGUE: LEADERS STRUGGLE BEFORE MAINTAINING 100 PER CENT RECORD AGAINST SHEFFIELD'S STEEL

St Helens spinning on table top

St Helens..... Sheffield Eagles...

By Christopher Irvine

IF ELLERY HANLEY had hair to tear out. it would have come away in clumps. The St Helens coach is not one for emotional responses, but his side put him and a crowd of 9,000 at Knowsley Road through the wringer yesterday before maintaining their 100 per cent record, two points clear at the top of the JJB Super League.

Hanley was brief and to the point: "I'd like to apologise on behalf of the players for that lacklustre performance. There was very little quality. We were lucky to scrape two points. Our one-on-one de-fence was bad from the first minute to the last." St Helens were assisted by a

15-6 penalty count. John Kear. the Sheffield Eagles coach, stopped short of directly criteising Karl Kirkpatrick, the referee, but said: "It was ridiculous. I'll be glad to see Greg McCallum [the referees director] back from Australia. Nobody can beat St Helens with the little ball we had in the second half." In all of their six league

wins. St Helens have come from behind. When Sheffield onened the scoring through Powell's try on the right after nine minutes, the home side went into overdrive, with an unanswered burst of 20 points, before conceding two quick, converted tries by Sodje and Hardy and a penalty from halfway by Aston, after Long's dreadful restart, in the five minutes before the break.

The place-kicking of Long. who landed seven goals, settled St Helens, whose complacency then threatened them again as Sheffield rallied once more towards the finish. "We let ourselves down. There's a lot of hard work to do," Hanley said.

After three successive victories, the Eagles had their tail feathers up. Jeff Hardy moved out of the pack and had a mag-



Tuilagi, the St Helens wing, crashes through the tackles of Laughton, left, and Lawless during an unimpressive defeat of Sheffield yesterday

nificent game opposite Aston at half back. The Sheffield forwards never stopped working. but with penalties running so comprehensivly against them, a late runaway try by Turner and three further Aston goals were insufficient

For the 20 minutes after Powell's opening try, St Hel-ens did as they pleased. They imagined that they were stroll-ing to victory when Long initi-ated the first try by Kevin Iro after the referee played advantage. Tacklers failed to pull Iro down a second time and the strapping New Zea-land centre brought Atcheson,

whose performance was the only outstanding one, on to the ball for Paul Wellens to brush off a poor challenge by Lovell beneath the posts. The game looked to be run-

ning away from Sheffield when Iro tore downfield and the defence melted. Why he opted to throw a pass when scoring looked easier was anyone's guess, but the ball was whipped out to the left and Keiron Cunningham found a big gap from acting half back. Room opened up for Sonny Nickle to add a fourth try.

scores when Sodje and Hardy supported clean breaks. Whatever Hanley said at half-time did not work immediately. Long and Aston exchanged two penalties each, before the eventual breakthrough for St Helens, by Stewart.

SCORERS: St Helens: Tries: Iro, Wetlens. Curringham, Nickle, Stewart, Pereini Goals: Long 7 Dropped goal: Wetlens. Shefffeld Eagles: Tries: Powell, Sodje. Hardy, Turner Goals: Aston 7 Triesgl, Kiro, A Stewart, A Sultivan, T Martyri, S Long; J O'Netil, K Curringham, S Nickle, C Jowit, A Pereini, P Southorpe Substitutes C Strift. T Jonkers, V Methauta, P Wetlens. SHEFFRELD EAGLES: D Watson; K Lovell, D Powelt, K Senor, B Sodje. J Hardy, MAston; D Turner, R Doyle, Substitutes: M Pearson, W Soutablue, M Jackson, P Anderson Referee: K Kirkpatrick (Warrington).



Long attempts to break clear of the Sheffield defence

Hughes tames Broncos

Wakefield Trinity Wildcats..40

By A CORRESPONDENT

UNLESS London Broncos can beat, or at worst draw, with Warrington Wolves at The Stoop on Saturday, they will go into the Silk Cup Challenge Cup final against Leeds Rhinos on the back of four JJB Super League defeats. Yesterday they were trounced by seven tries to one on their trip to Wakefield Trinity Wildcats at Belle Vue.

Three first-half tries from Adam Hughes, the Wakefield centre. in an inspired 21-minute spell totally undermined the Broncos resolve. Hughes went on to embellish his performance with some excellent goalkicking to finish

with 24 points. London badly missed the guiding hand of Shaun Edwards. Threatening individual sorties by Peters and Ryan never seemed likely to achieve the success of Wakefield's collective effort in which Tomlinson's skill, Law's pace and the forward power of March and Poching gave

them a massive advantage. Not that Wakefield began too convincingly. They were behind to a Tollett penalty after two minutes and it was against the run of play that Tomlinson conjured up the opening try for Hughes. A superb diagonal run earned him his second and Law made the third after Tollett had scored

the sole try for the Broncos. This vulnerability down the left side continued to prove an Achilles's heel for the Broncos, although it was from a full frontal assault that Poching joined Hughes on the scoring

Disorganisation led to indiscipline in the London ranks and when Hammond was sent to the sin-bin, Wakefield took full advantage to add further tries through Kenward and McDonald. Stott added number seven after Offiah. who had a wretched game, failed to deal with a kick from

WAKEFIELD TRINITY WILDCATS: A Hodgson; L Stott, S Kenward, A Hughes, N Law, T Kemp, G Tomlinson; F Stephenson, D March, S Waters, G Price, S Richardson, W Poching Substitutes; P March, W Mc-Donald, J Field, P Jackson

Donald, J Field, P. Jap-son LONDON BRONCOS: T Tollett, D Peters C Ryan, G Flamma, M Offiah, K Hammond G Ar: T Setoold, H Beazley, S Retchiess, S Millard, R Sympson, P Gill, Substitutes: C Calloway, M Soller, M Tochack, S Hughes

Warrington Wolves...... Bradford Bulls.....

By Peter Wilson

BRADFORD BULLS' target is to regain the JJB Super League championship, Warrington's aims are not quite so high and, on this evidence, neither is far off course. Bradford showed that they have the strength to challenge for the top honour and Warrington

that they have the spirit to upset many of the leading lights. The muddy conditions meant that the game was always going to be a hard slog that would be decided more by errors than tries, so it was no surprise that the result hinged on a mistake. The teams were

level at 14-14 when War-

rington spilled possession in

front of their own posts and Bradford mounted the attack that brought the decisive try. It came ten minutes from

Bulls come to the Boyle

the end of a contest that Bradford should have won long before then. Instead, they were denied by some solid Warrington defence, particularly in the first half, which ended with the teams level at 8-8. James Lows, the Bradford-

hooker, supplied the opening for the first try, scored by Stuart Spruce after five minutes. and, when Michael Withers crossed in the corner on 24 minutes, it appeared to be only a matter of time before Warrington collapsed. Instead, they stunned Bradford with a try by Lee Penny on the stroke of half-time and Warrington were all square.

A defensive error by Warrington, when they failed to deal with Henry Paul's clever kick ahead early in the second half, enabled Scott Naylor to score the Bulls' third try, only for Warrington to come back strongly, Mark Forster taking advantage of some slack work in the Bradford defence.

It looked as though that would be enough to earn Warrington a point, but that late error by the home team allowed Lows to set up David Boyle for the winning try.

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WARRINGTON WOLVES: L Penny, J

Roach, T Kohe-Love, A Hunte, M Forster, J

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BRADFORD BULLS: S Spruce, T Valkona,
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Boyle, B Dwyer, M Forshaw
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Flintstone's form favours

BASKETBALL

Newcastle stuck on the road to nowhere

By Nicholas Harling

NEWCASTLE Eagles may well have to change their travel arrangements if ever they are to make a realistic attempt to reach Wembley. The squad defeated 87-68 by London Towers on Saturday was the same as that beaten 91-76 only 48 hours earlier at the same Crystal Palace venue.

In between the last two legs of their Budweiser Championship quarter-final play-off, the Eagles had made the long journey back to the North East. Barely had the players got to bed in the small hours of Friday than they were emharking on the 800-mile round trip again.

"it's crazy, isn't it." Craig Lynch, the coach, said. "It's unfortunate to have two quick games like this but money is always a factor in this league. However the game was important enough for us not to use

tiredness as an excuse."

Fatigue had not looked a problem early on in the decisive final game when the Eagles hit the first eleven points and moved sevenely into a

26-8 advantage.
Only then did they succumb once more to the accuracy of Randy Duck. The American. the latest acquisition for the Towers who have now reached Wembley three years running at Newcastle's ex-pense, collected 24 points in both the Palace games. Martin Henlam also scored 20 points on Saturday. By half-time, when they led 43-38, the Towers had taken complete control and thereafter they encountered few problems.

It was a similar story in the Nynex Arena where Manchester Giants knocked out Birmingham Bullets, the holders. 90-77, in their decisive third leg. The Bullets would have been happier with their earli-er 13-5 lead had Reggie Kirk already accumulated three fouls.

Kirk finished with 18 points, one more than Nigel Lloyd, but in Tony Dorsey. the scorer of 30 points, the Giants had the overwhelming match winner. The Bullets hardly needed reminding that Dorsey was the man voted most valuable player when they lifted the Trophy last

Manchester's Wembley opponents will be Thames Valley Tigers, runners-up last year. In the other semi-final the Towers will meet Sheffield Sharks who stayed on course for a remarkable treble by winning their third leg 75-68 against Greater London Leopards on Friday to leave the capital club, league champions for the past two seasons. without any silverware this

Terrell Myers made the vital contribution for the Sharks with 25 points of which 13 came in the final quarter, to douse a Leopards' post-interval rally.

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SQUASH

Jackman cruises into semi-finals

BY COLIN McQUILLAN

chances of adding the WISPA Grand Prix finals title to the British national championships that she won in January took a noticeable upturn in Hurghada, Egypt, over the

First, Sarah Fitz-Gerald, the world champion, broke down with knee problems, then Michelle Martin, the world No l, lost unexpectedly in the last round of the qualifying competition.

The two leading Australians were seeded to meet in the final today, but Fitz-Gerald's tearful withdrawal on Friday night gave Jackman. the No 3 seed, an easy passage to the semi-finals from group B, along with the rapid-ly-improving Natalie Grainger, of South Africa.

Martin, who is the Grand Prix champion, also made it into the semi-finals, but only as the second-placed player from group A after losing 9-3. 8-10. 9-4, 9-6 in 37 minutes to Carol Owens, her compatriot and a player to whom she had not previously lost.

Owens. 27, from Mel-bourne, ranked No 9 in the world, has found an agreeable environment for her fast, adventurous style on the open-air court that has been mounted for evening play on the Red Sea beachfront of the Marriott Hotel. "I seem to move easily and my shots fire in rightly on this court." than a final."

CASSANDRA JACKMAN'S Owens said, after heading group A with an undefeated

> Jackman was similarly undefeated in group B. but while Owens was achieving her lifetime best victory in group A, the 26-year-old from Norfolk was cruising through a group B exhibition match against Maha Zein, a local reserve, not realising until later that she would be going on to meet the world No 1 in the semi-finals.

> "I must admit I had been thinking it would be Carol in my semi-final and then one of the top Australians in the final. but I am quite happy to play Michelle if she can maintain the mood in which she lost to Carol," Jackman said.

In fact, there could be a disfinct physical advantage in Jackman's main match of the tournament being brought forward 24 hours in a crowded five-day schedule, plus, perhaps, a psychological help in meeting Martin the day after the world No I had been unexpectedly overturned by her fellow Australian.

"Of course, she might just come out looking for blood," Jackman said, "but L was quite close to her the last time we played, in the Citroën Classic final in Germany, and she was in more confident style then. A semi-final can sometimes be less stressful

Powell for Badminton EQUESTRIANISM

winner of Badminton in 1991, underlined his form for the event this year when he and Marguerite Boucher's Flintstone relegated Blyth Tait and Ready Teddy, the world and Olympic three-day event champions, to second place in the Master Class section of the Pedigree Chum Belton Horse Trials Lincolnshire in yesterday.

Powell, who has had several lean years since his win on The Irishman — he broke his hip in a fall at Gatcombe and lost two of his advanced horses last year — had a foot-per-fect cross-country round to finish one point ahead of Tait. Owen Moore and Lady Kelveston's Gildernstein confirmed their form with a confident By Jenny MacArthur

round to finish in third place. Powell is now hoping his luck will hold for Badminton. Flintstone had a superb season as an eight-year-old, when

he finished fifth at Saumur. but did not compete again until this spring. After receiving his £1,000 prizemoney, Powell was reluctant to give the reasons why, but said: "Let's just say he's taken two years to mature."

Tait's luck with Ready Teddy has also changed. After a few mishaps the II-year-old gelding put in a solid performance in each of the three

phases. "It'll have done him a world of good." Tait said. "It was a big, stiff course and just what he needed." For good measure Tait also won section K on Sam Barr's Welton Envoy and was third in section L on Chesterfield.

The Keyhole ience near the end of the course proved too suff for some of the Badminton contenders, including Pets Beckett and Watermark.

Bettina Overesch-Boker, of Germany, on Watermill Stream, were comfortable withners of section M, three points ahead of Pippa Funnell on Rainbow Magic. Mark Todd was pleased with his Badminton contenders - Word For Word and Broadcast News. "I'm feeling very positive about Badminton." he said.

All-England crown for Pulling

MARTIN PULLING, who will be 40 in June, has become the oldest man to win the English indoor singles championship since Andy Ross in 1984. Pulling, from Grantham, returned a 21-17 scorecard against Simon Skelton, of Scunthorpe, in the final at Melton Mowbray.

An emotional Pulling. whose previous best result was losing in the pairs final in 1996, said: "Two weeks ago, 1 thought I would have to drop out because I could not move my neck, but I have been visiting an osteopath and got fit just in time.

Pulling led 6-0. but faded as Collingham led 8-1 after eight

BOWLS

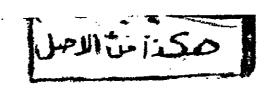
By David Rhys Jones

Skelton powered into a 15-9 lead on medium length jacks. "I had a chance of taking a three to go 18-9 ahead, but just missed, and Martin put me on long jacks, which I couldn't find as well." Skelton said.

Stephen Collingham, the talented teenager who upstaged Tony Allcock, the world outdoor singles champion. and John Evans, met his match in Skelton in the quarter-finals. ends and then forged into a 20-16 lead before Skelton saved game with a perfect draw, collected three shots with a magical take-out and claimed the winning single on the 29th end.

in the semi-finals, Skehon defeated Robert Newman. from the Whiteknights club in Reading, 21-17, while Pulling scored 18 shots without reply as he came back from 39 fo beat Stuart Thomas, of Leices ter. 21-9.

Jack Coupland, who will be 85 in June, was in the Leices ter team that beat Carlton. 39-34, in the final of the interclub over-60 championship.



London Marathon: Moroccan outsider outwits world's finest to claim impressive victory



El Mouaziz, signed up only as a reserve, was allowed the time for an elaborate celebration by a strong field of runners that paid the price for worrying too much about each other

El Mouaziz proves too clever

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

THE Flora London Marathon spent a record \$1.5 million (about £950,000) investing in the finest field assembled for a men's competition, but the collective racing brain of the world's most accomplished distance runners was outwitted yesterday by an athlete signed up as a reserve. Abdelkader El Mouaziz, from Morocco, completed the first African double in the 19-year history of the event after Joyce Chepchumba, from Kenya, had won the women's race

El Mouaziz was a 16-l outsider in a field that included Ronaldo da Costa, the world record-holder from Brazil, Josiah Thugwane, the Olympic champion from South Africa, and Abel Anton, the world champion from Spain. Though he had finished second last year, he was not invited this time until the drop-outs began. The field was that strong, London — or so it thought — could be run with-

out him.

When El Mouaziz followed similar tactics to those that he employed last April, building up a lead from the main group, few imagined he would still be in front come the finish line. In the 1998 race. Anton came past him 300 metres from the finish and the Moroc-

THE Flora London Marathon spent a record \$1.5 million (about £950,000) investing in the finest field assembled for a men's competition, but the col-

By 15 miles, with the last of the pacemakers now departed, El Mouaziz was out on his own. Richard Nerurkar, Britain's fastest marathon runner of recent times, commentating for BBC Television, was among those fooled. "I think that El Mouaziz is committing suicide," Nerurkar said at 16 miles, with the Moroccan more than two minutes clear.

El Mouaziz passed 20 miles within a minute of world-record schedule and, by the 21st mile, with the leader still way out ahead, Nerurkar had changed his tune. "I do not think they are going to catch him," Nerurkar said. This time he was right.

Soon the luminaries follow-

Soon the luminaries following began to realise it, too. At 23 miles, El Mouaziz still led by more than two minutes. Antonio Pinto, twice the London Marathon champion, was the only one to retrieve an apparently lost cause. He set off in pursuit but still finished more than a minute behind.

Had El Mouaziz concentrated on pushing it to the line he would have taken the \$25,000 for a course record, but, just as



WOMEN

1. loyce Chepchumba (Ken) 2-23:22

2. Adrians Fernandez (Mex) 2-24:06

3. Manuela Machado (Por) 2-25:09

4. Nicole Carroll (Aus) 2-25:52

5. Elana Meyer (SA) 2-27:18

6. Taeko Terauchi (Japan) 2-28:31

7. Kerryn McCann (Aus) 2-28:44

8. Angeline Kanana (Ken) 2-29:47

9. Yiviany De Oliveira (Br) 2-32-17

10. Guadalupe Loma (Mex) 2-36:42

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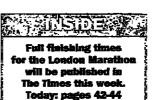
field, assuming that they

would work their way back, to

worry about those out ahead.
"The runners are to blame,"
Pirito said. "All the top athletes
were there looking at each other. Some runners took a risk
and most of us did not." Anton
added: "He took the risk and
congratulations to him. We
did not realise the winner was
going to be so strong."

Neither attempted to blame either the pacemakers or the lack of information from race officials telling them how far El Mouaziz was ahead. Anton suggested that he did not realise El Mouaziz was among the athletes who had gone off with

the pacemakers.
"I looked around and saw
all the other top athletes and
thought nobody in front was
one of the favourites, so we
took it easy," he said.



El Mouaziz, explaining his decision to break away earlier than last year, said: "I am not as strong in the finish as Anton or Pinto. They are good track runners, over 5,000 and 10,000 metres, and I am not. If I am with them at the finish I am going to lose."

whether his run yesterday should prompt him to concentrate on the marathon for the Olympic Games next year. The British record-holder for 10,000 metres, he may stick with that distance. He said: "It has given me something to be more optimistic about." Da Costa proved small val-

ue for his \$250,000 appearance fee. He linished seventeenth, behind Tekeye Gebrselassie, the brother of Haile, the multi-world record-holder, who was thirteenth. Eamonn Martin, the 1993

winner, missed in his attempt to break Ron Hill's British veterans record, finishing almost two minutes outside with 2hr 17min 22sec.

First step on ladder for future stars

John Goodbody on the progress of Britain's young hopefuls

ust as the world's elite distance runners began their long trek at Greenwich, the prospective champions of the future started sprinting along Lower Thames Street in *The Times* Mini Marathon.

A record field of 2,124 youngsters from the 33 London boroughs, along with runnersfrom 15 cities across Great Britain, took part in the 2.8-mile race that finished in The Mall.

For many of the youngsters competing in the 15 different events, including the wheel-chair races, it was their first chance to sample the delights of high-class competition, a moment to inspire them to continue in athletics.

For others, such as Mohamed Farah, of Feltham School in Hounslow, it was another victory in a glowing series of teenage successes. Six weeks ago, he was the outstanding, winner in the mud, sleet and gales of the English schools cross country championships over the hills above Luton.

Yesterday, in the more benign, although chilly conditions, of a windless morning
on the flat roads of the capital,
the lo-year-old demonstrated
the same dominance, speeding home to finish first in the
15-17 category for London
boys. He recorded a time of exactly 14min, 18sec clear of Richard Ward, of Sutton.

"I was shivering a bit at the start, but this was a sprint for me," Farah said. It was his third successive victory in the event.

training in the sun of Florida during the British Olympic Association's training camp for young hopefuls. "I learnt a lot

from the experience and from all the famous people who had competed in the Games."

Another potential star is Chris Reynolds, 14, from Bancroft's School, in Woodford, who won the London Boroughs race for boys aged 13 and 14. He finished in 14min 14sec, 8sec ahead of Carl Chaney, of Kingston.

Principally a 1,500-metres runner, having finished fourth in the English schools championships last year, he says that if he is not going to win a race, he would prefer not to run—"but if you don't run, then you are never going to win".

Reynolds was tense at the start, despite having won the race last year. "I found it difficult to relax, but I felt full of running when I went into Parliament Square and took over the lead. Then I heard my mum shouting at the start of The Mall — I always hear her cheering in my races — and that gave me another lift to produce a sprint finish."

Among the girls, Jo Ankier, of Henrietta Barnett School, was hugely impressive in finishing first in the London girls 15-17 category, 18sec clear of Jill Christie, of Hillingdon, in 15min 41sec.

In the wheelchair races, Dwayne Cooke, 16, of St Rose's School in Stroud. Gloucestershire, was first in the 14-17 class. "I like the adrenalin of athletics," Cooke said.

He competes also in the field events, but said: "I'm mainly track. My throwing is not too good. It is like water and electricity — they don't mix too well."

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After the race is run: a competitor takes refreshment after completing *The Times* Mini Marathon

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Drago criticised the game's ruling body after his match

DOMINIC DALE was eliminated from the Embassy world champion ship when he lost 10-6 to Nigel Bond at The Crucible Theatre. Sheffield yesterday, but not before he had earned a mention in snooker's record

Anton paid the price last year

for a similar celebration, the

winner yesterday fell two

seconds short of Pinto's course

best. El Mouziz's time was

identical to Anton's winning

run last year, 2hr 7min 57sec.

9min and Anton third in 2hr

9min 41sec Anton outsprinted

Jon Brown, Great Britain's

first finisher, who came fourth

in a career-best 2hr 9min

44sec. Pinto and Anton admit-

Pinto was second in 2hr

Dale's white suit, matching shoes and tangerine shirt, which he wore during the first session on Saturday probably represented the most unconventional outfit ever seen at the Crucible, but his total of 167 points in winning the fifteenth frame stands unquestionably as the highest aggregate in a single frame of any professional tournament, let alone the world championship.

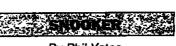
Trailing 8-1 after the opening session. Dale, much more soberly dressed in black suit and royal blue

shirt, fought back to only 9-5 adrift. He potted the initial red in the fifteenth frame and placed an increasingly-nervous Bond in a snooker behind the yellow.

Although escape was straightforward, doing so without leaving Dale a scoring opportunity was not. Bond made 11 abortive attempts to caress the cue ball into the pack, each time being called for a "miss" before he finally achieved contact.

With 44 penalty points already to his credit, Dale forced a break-building chance from the ensuing safety exchange, which he exploited with a clearance of 122. One frame later, though, a relieved Bond was safely through.

"I must admit that thoughts of being given a taste of my own



Dale hits the jackpot by cashing in Bond

By Phil Yates

medicine did cross my mind on more than one occasion. I was made to sweat." Bond, who transformed a seemingly hopeless 9-2 deficit into a 10-9 victory over Cliff Thorburn at the corresponding stage in 1994, said. Bond, beaten by Stephen Hendry in the 1995 final, now looks set to play Ken Doherty, the champion two years ago, in the last 16. Doherty sat out a clearance of 137 from Steve James, but still led 8-1 overnight.

Tony Drago, of Malta, was in a mood for confrontation rather than celebration on completing a 10-4 win over Fergal O'Brien, the Dubliner who triumphed unexpectedly at the British Open last week.

On a day when it was reported that a group of leading players could boycott a world ranking event proposed for Bangalore, India, next season, Drago criticised the overseas planning of the World Professional Billards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), the game's governing

Drago, who is afraid of flying, described the WPBSA's organisation of accommodation at the Thailand Masters last month as "disgraceful", and, having failed to negotiate his first match in both the Thailand Masters and China International, he is adamant that he will not undertake such long-haul trips in the future.

Anthony Hamilton, O'Brien's victim in the final of the British Open, became the first member of the world's top lo to perish when he was edged out 10-9 on the black by Chris Small, whose methodical style is unattractive but effective.

Hamilton compiled a pair of century breaks in the early stages but missed a series of crucial pots in tight corners, most notably the blue, while employing the rest in the deciding frame, which would have left Small requiring a snooker.

Even though the marathon encounter dragged on for seven hours, 57 minutes. Jimmy White was an interested spectator. Had Hamilton prevailed, White's hopes of regaining his status among the elite top 16 next season would have improved.

17 year old high jumper given clearance for take off.



The British Airways Olympic Futures Programme of multi-sport training camps in London and Orlando is helping 175 young British athletes achieve their Olympic dreams.



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NEWCASTLE

by George Caulkin

conducted their season with

all the grace of a demented

orchestra, it can hardly be

surprising that alarm belis.

continue to echo in their ears even when the baton is

grasped by another. So it was

that when Walter Smith tip-

toed into the media room at St James' Park, his quiet words

of satisfaction were silenced

The cause of this emergency

was not immediately appar-

ent, although the suggestion was that Newcastle United

had felt their fingers burnt, but the interruption failed to

provoke histrionics. Through-

out Everton's calamitous cam-

paign. Smith has maintained

a rare and impressive dignity;

victory, even one as signifi-

cant as this, was not to prompt

any noticeable change.

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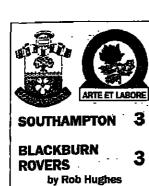
Jones and Kidd dwell on point of no return

HALF-TIME at The Deli was illuminated with the scoreboard sign: "The Samaritans 24 hours a day". David Jones. the Southampton manager. was too preoccupied to make the call. He rearranged his defence, his midfield and his attack, replacing tired experience with spirited youth. "Whatever we do," he said. "we mustn't give away a third

Another unheeded message. Two minutes into the second half, Blackburn took what surely would be a decisive 3-1 lead - but not for nothing have Southampton survived 21 seasons in England's top flight. When the spring blosstay in the light and, while the sun shone on Saturday, it rained goals.

The threat of relegation. though, still hangs over these teams. Blackburn, backed by millions but racked by injuries, struggled to hold on to a point after Mark Hughes scored his first goal in 32 games for Southampton and Marian Pahars scored within minutes of making his home debut as a substitute.

The draw, which neither side could afford, was fair. Six goals conveys the adventure sometimes the misadventure - of the afternoon, yet defenc-



es this flawed might have been breached twice as many times. so their insecurity will not

"We are in a pressure business," Brian Kidd, the Blackburn manager, a friend and now adversary of Jones, said. One, or possibly both, of them is going to go down and, unless the perverse happens and Southampton begin to replicate the courage to run and the ability to score away from The Dell, it will sadly be that club. This would draw a line south of London on FA Car-

ling Premiership participation and render Southampton's

desire to build a modern stadium even more distant. Therefore, when both managers smiled through gritted teeth on Saturday, when they talked of the entertainment

value for the public, they were

trying to hide tension. "I'm not and wider still on the left, a teapot thrower," Jones said. "It hurts inside, but if I give up, then the players will give up. We've got to stay calm and

keep believing."

Calm? Without the suspended Ken Monkou, with Neil Moss, the reserve goalkeeper. bemused by the swirling corners of Jason Wilcox, Southampion's defence was an open door that Ashley Ward pushed through after 15 minutes. Kevin Gallacher, risked after three months' inactivity, backheeled the ball to him and

turned expertly to shoot hard and low for goal No 100 of his nomadic career. Fitfully, Southampton came

back. Matt Le Tissier and Hassan Kachloul gave them grace on the ball until, in the 23rd minute, Darren Peacock erred not once but twice in the Rovers defence, allowing Chris Marsden to sneak in and head the first goal of his Southampton days.

Peacock is big on give and take. What he had given away. he was allowed, within min-

gently unmarked, he was allowed to score from another Wilcox corner. apprentice. How this young

The pause for half-time, the withdrawal of Stephane Henchoz, who probably should not have started because of a groin strain, heralded no immediate change, because Wilcox was permitted the freedom of Southampton's penalty area to ghost in and head Blackburn further in front from a cross by Jason McAteer.

All over? It was just the beginning. Southampton's most profitable change had been to withdraw the industry of Egil

Ostenstad and replace it with the athleticism of James Beattie, a former Rovers

man leaps and hangs in the air, like a reincarnation of Dixie Dean. Beattie helped to create the predator's goal after 62 min-utes for Mark Hughes and

then, with an absolutely towering jump. Beattle demolished the Blackburn resistance. His thrust was anticipated by Pahars, who, though slender and diminuitive, timed his run and header to perfection.

er all were denied, on the line, by Filan, McAteer and Peacock, "For some reason," McAteer said, "we sat back after we went 3-1 up. It provided entertainment, but it wasn't the

tainment. but it wasn't the right thing to do."

SOUTHAMPTON 14-3-1-2) N Moss — S Hey (sub: M Patrars, 78mm), C Lundelwarn, F Benah, P Colleer (sub: D Hoghes, 46) — C Mersden, J Dodd, H Kachtoul — M Le Tisser — E Ostenstad (sub: J Beatre, 46), M Hughes — E Ostenstad (sub: J Beatre, 46), M Hughes — E Ostenstad (sub: J Beatre, 46), D Peacoock, C Dawdson — K Gillespe, L Carsley, D Johnson (sub: C Dawly, 78), J Wilcox — A Ward, K Gallacher (sub: K Dawles, 70)

Referrer: G Barber.

in the frenzy that followed, Beattle, Kachloul and Le Tissi-

The reticence of the manag er was not matched by his team's supporters, who buoyed by the lack of progress made by those sides below them, celebrated with predictable gusto. Beating Charlton Athletic at Goodison Park next weekend — "Newcastle have got their Cup Final, but that's ours," Kevin Campbell said — would lift them to 40 points and probable safety.

The vibrancy of this performance serves only to make their harrowing travails all the more peculiar, although the arrival of Campbell. 29, on loan from Trabzonspor has added a muscular dynamism to their forward line.

A delicious through-ball was delivered by Don Hutchison after barely 40 seconds, allowing Campbell to outsprint David Beharall. who was making his debut. and direct a firm shot beyond Shay Given. A more substantial reward came on the stroke of half-time, when, after good work by Francis Jeffers. Given failed to clutch Campbell's innocuous flick. Four goals in two games is not to be scoffed at.

Given's flapping was an accurate measure of Newcastle's day, a sullenness settling after the heroics of their FA Cup semi-final. Duncan Fer-



ONE Liverpool supporter had tied his old replica shirt. "unwashed and unworn since", to the Shankly Gates.

inches away from the permanent memorial at Anfield that commemorates the 96 people who lost their lives at Hillsborough. Now. ten years on, the note attached said that this particular fan had to look forward, "for my own sanity". The bereaved families and

friends will find it hard to look forward until justice, regarding the causes of the trag-edy, is seen to be done. But how Gérard Houllier, the Liverpool manager, wants to embrace that sentiment. He cannot wait for a future that brings a team worthy of wearing a Liverpool shirt. It is no secret that the present incumbents, save for Owen, Redknapp. Fowler and Heggem. do not form part of Houllier's

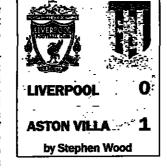
Liverpool faithful seek justice on and off field

Ward, despite running wide

abjectness and, if their excuse was the fact that the context hung heavy over the contest.

it was a feeble one. Undoubtedly, it was an un-comfortable afternoon, but only the quality of football failed to provide a fitting tribute. For the absent Liverpool fans, there was a minute's silence, a moving rendition of You'll Never Walk Alone, the sight of the Kop turning into a mosaic of coloured cards that honoured the lives lost and the noise of fans pleading for justice.

There was personal torment on the pitch, too. Fowler, who must have been feel-



ing like it was "me against the world" recently, embraced Paul Merson, the Aston Villa player, in the warm-up, doubtless to thank him for his public show of support last week.

poignant in the light of Merson's admission yesterday that he had relapsed in his fight against alcoholism.

The only goal of the after-noon arrived just after half an hour, when Ian Taylor. the Villa midfield player, found himself unmarked to swing with his right foot and connect with his left. Mark Bosnich, the Villa

goalkeeper, had, along with Merson, laid flowers at the foot of the Kop in a touching gesture before kick-off, but almost ruined it later on by appearing to mimic Fowler's spat with Graeme Le Saux. Afterwards, Gregory tackled another subject. "Bill Shankly got most things right." he said. "except when he said that football was more important than life and

Shortly before, Steve Mc-Manaman shook hands with Fowler as the pair walked off the pitch. With Fowler banned until the end of the season and McManaman transferring to Real Madrid in May, it was the last time that the pair would be playing together for club, if not country. The end of an era. indeed. and their separation should signal the break up of this Liverpool squad. No one at Anfield will mourn its passing.

LIVERPOOL (4-4-2) D James — R Song (sub. S Dundee, 87mm). J Carragher, P Babb, S I Bjornebye (sub. O Leonhantsen, 46) — S McManaman, Pince, J Redikrapo, D Marteo — K Riedle, R Fowler ASTON VILLA (4-4-2) M Bosnich - S Watson, C Calderwood, G Southgate, A Winght — S Stone, I Taylor, M Draper, L Hendre (sub: P Merson, 69) — D Dublin, J Joechim (sub: G Barry, 90)

Sympathy abundant for troubled Merson

IT IS clear that English foot-ball is again ready to help Paul Merson deal with his personal torment. The Aston Villa and England player yester-day admitted that he had relapsed in his battle against alcoholism, and the news drew a. sympathetic response (Stephen Wood writes).

David Davies, the FA executive director, said: "I was very saddened to hear this news. Everyone in football has admired the way Paul has fought this problem and we will be talking to his club, and to Paul himself, to see what we can do to help a very popuhim in the past and it is our intention to do so again now."

Gordon Taylor, the chief ex-ecutive of the Professional Footballers' Association, said: It is sad and disappointing to hear this. We will provide all the support we can, but the onus is on Paul to make the

Steve Stride, the Villa secretary-director, also made it clear that they would not desert Merson. "Whatever problems Paul may have, we will support him 100 per cent," he said.

Merson, 31, who maintains that the best treatment comes from playing, said: "I have relapsed big-time and I can feel truth is that it is as hard today as it was four years ago."



guson's sole involvement against his former employer was to telephone a local journalist to protest at his treatment in the morning newspapers. Silvio Maric wasted two gaping opportunities and, untypically, Alan Shearer could only convert one of two penalties

"The desire wasn't there." Ruud Gullit, the manager. said. "It is like having a Ferrari and only using four gears. You might blow up the

At the back, Newcastle of Alain Goma, the Paris £3.5 million transfer cannot

It had been expected that Everton's season would finish in similar, chaotic fashion. but Scot Gemmill's 20-yard drive in the 89th minute allows them to shape their own destiny. Hutchison, an exiled Geordie, spoke of sharing his relief. "My mum lives ten minutes round the corner, although as she's a Newcastle fan. I'm not sure how happy she'll be to see me." he said Another set of eardrums ringing on Saturday night.

Forest forced to wait for the sword to descend

MARK ANTONY stands before the throng and begins to speak. "Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears. I come to bury Caesar. not to praise him." And, after a rousing monologue, he does. It is a wonderful scene, but it needs to be done properly. If Antony gets hiccups or the

is gone, people start to laugh. And, sad to say, they did just that at the City Ground on Saturday. As the burial scene was acted out in front of them. there were giggles, even the odd guffaw, as Caesar, played by an otherwise exemplary Nottingham Forest, somehow avoided sinking six feet under

body starts snoring, the magic

into the Nationwide League. It was not their fault as such, they did their bit, losing to an unimpressed Tottenham Hotspur - whose Antony was sadly devoid of swagger or charisma in the absence of David Ginola, their Depardieu — and lying largely motionless on their slab while the crowd looked on, but an equaliser at The Dell and a missed penalty at The Valley ensured that, at the end, Caesar twitched for a moment. They will have to bury him next week instead.



It will happen, though, as sure as eggs are eggs. Forest are on their way out of the FA Carling Premiership and nobody at the club is pretending otherwise any more, directors, players, supporters, no one. They are waiting, gloomily, for the inevitable, the VIPs casting rueful glances towards pictures of glory days gone forever, the plebs crying into

Perhaps it would have been kinder if they had been relegated at the weekend, if they had been put out of their misery. So what if Mark Crossley saved a penalty just before half-time, Allan Nielsen passing the ball obligingly to the Forest goalkeeper. Once Stef-

fen Iversen had put Spurs ahead on 62 minutes with a drive from the edge of the area, there was no way back. By the end, pockets of their supporters were literally. laughing at their mistakes, as passes rolled into touch, as clumsy first touches were followed by a hasty second and a hopeful third. Had they been relegated, it would at least have allowed Forest to begin to put the failures and farce of 1998-99 behind them. Instead — and if Charlton

Athletic fail to beat Spurs tomorrow night - they will go to Aston Villa still awaiting the final nail in their coffin. An interesting fixture, that one. bearing in mind the antipathy between Ron Atkinson, the Forest manager, until the end of the season at any rate, and Doug Ellis, the Villa chairman, his former boss. Atkinson would surely rather be Son Would surely rather but there.
NOTINGHAM FOREST (5-3-2): M Crossley — M Lous-Jean, C Edwards (sub S Stenseas, Szmin), R Gough, S Chente, A Rogers — A Johnson, P van Hoojdonk, I Borslav (sub I Woan 20) — D Freedman, Schoperig (sub M Harewood, 79).
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Walker — S Carr, L Young, S Campbel, M Tanoco — S Nersen, T Sherwood, S Freund, A Neisen — C Armstrong, L Ferdinand (sub) Anderton, 45).



five days now since that defeat, five days to try to heal the wounds and let the

Oliver Holt has been

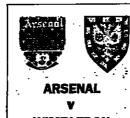
pain subside. It will be hard, but tonight at Highbury, Arsenal must begin the proc ess of trying to exact revenge over Manchester United.

The short period since they fell to Ryan Giggs's brilliant goal at Villa Park has been like a banishment to purgatory for Arsenal fans as they try to come to terms with their first defeat in seven games to

their bitter rivals. For the first time all season, some of their defenders looked their age last Wednesday night as Giggs waltzed through them. They are strong enough characters. though, to throw all their focus on to the pursuit of the

retention of their league title. Nothing other than victory against Wimbledon will do. If Arsenal do not win tonight the setback, coupled with that defeat in the FA Cup semi-final replay, will drain even them of the resolve they need to continue their pur-suit of Alex Ferguson's side.

It is hard to imagine that Arsenal, unbeaten in their past 17 league games and with a defensive record that



WIMBLEDON Tonight, 8.00

is the epitome of parsimony will not triumph. Wimbledon seem to have been drained of much of the bulldog spirit that once made them such awkward opponents. Players such as Nicolas

Anelka and David Seaman will feel also that they have much to prove after sub-standard displays against United. Arsenal may not need to be at their best, but if they do not win tonight, the result will be every bit as devastating as that loss at Villa

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— L Deon, M Keown, T Adams, N Whiteburn — R Parbur, P Vietra, E Petit, M Cygmers — D Berghamp, N Analka;
WMMBLEDON (probable, 4-4-2) N Sulfwin — K Curringham, D Blackwey, C
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Earle, M Hughes — J Hartson, M Gayle;
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on Sky Sports 1, from 7pm. PREDICTION: Arsenal

Strachan offers limp explanation

MAGNUS HEDMAN is an agreeable young man. He is a keen angler, played ice hockey well enough to be offered professional terms and enjoys the cappuccino culture of the cafés around Northampton, where he lives. He chats freely, intelligently and without a hint of suspicion. He is a good goalkeeper, too. He has yet to play in a losing team since he broke into the Sweden side two years ago and has kept Il clean

sheets in 14 appearances. All of which does not quite square with Hedman's brusque, albeit apologetic, brush-off when questioned about his health after Coventry's defeat by Middlesbrough at Highfield Road on Saturday. "I've got nothing to say," he said as he hobbled away. "I'm sorry, I can't talk." It is unlikely that his silence was

self-determined. Hedman was injured in the third minute after colliding with Gary Pallister, the Middlesbrough defender, as they jumped for the ball from Townsend's cross. Pailister retired 14 minutes later, having sustained a thigh injury, but Hedman continued, clearly in pain from his damaged hip and unable to take goal kicks or make clearances.

He resembled an arthritic old man, barely able to move, and was no more than a startled bystander when Kinder's half-hit shot slid past him in the 65th minute. In the first half, Hedman appeared to sig-nal to Gordon Strachan, the Coventry manager, that he could not carry on; in the second, the home fans made the same observation, rather more graphically, to Strachan.

"What does the crowd know?" Strachan said, "I asked Magnus at half-time whether he could play on and he said he could. I sent someone around to ask him again



during the second half and he said the same. I don't think the injury affected him for Kinder's goal. He said he was wrong-footed, that's all." Strachan's explanation was

by Russell Kempson

unconvincing. He must have recognised Hedman's distress and could have used Chris Kirkland, 17, the substitute goalkeeper. Better to have an ble-bodied novice, surely, than someone incapacitated. After a dreadful first half, Coventry went in search of the victory and, but for a series of fine saves from Schwarzer. they might have achieved it. Instead, they had only McAllister's 73rd-minute equaliser to show for their increasingly disjointed efforts.

Middleshrough always appeared capable of stretching their unbeaten run to seven and confirmed as much eight minutes from the end. Maddison's corner was only halfcleared and Gordon volleyed it back through a mass of bodies. Again Hedman stood stricken, yet perhaps even Kirkland would not have reached it. Of the first goal.

reached it. Of the first goal, though, the debate rages on. covel/may city (3-5-2) M Hedman — G Brean (sub. P Oternent, Brimin), R Shew, P Williams — N Whetan, G McAssler, TE Solivedi, G Boaleng, D Burtows — J Alois, D Hudlerby MIDDLESBROUGH (3-5-2) M Schwerzer — S Vickers, G Pallister (sub. V Kinder, 17, sub. R Musice, 90), C Cooper — S Baker, N Maddison, A Townsond, K O'Moil, D Gordon — H Ricard (sub. A Armstrong, 62), B Deare.

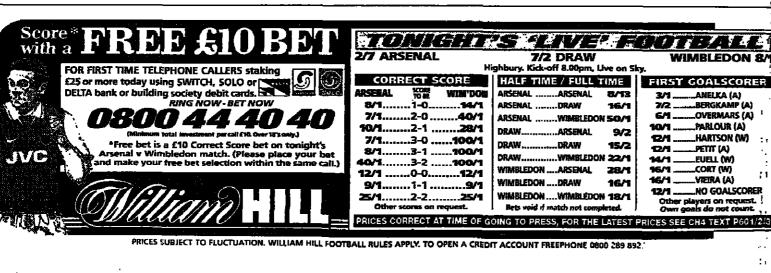
Referee; P Jones



remain delicate, racked with injury and nerves. Within 24 hours of Steve Howey, his centre half, being carried off on a stretcher at Old Trafford. Gullit was boarding a flight to France to hasten the signing Saint-Germain defender. The be completed until the summer. however.

MEWCASTLE UNITED (4-3-1-2) S Goen — A Griffin, D Beharall, A Hughes, W Barron — R Lee, D Hamann, G Speed — S Mont Stub L Saha, Semmi) — T Ketshala (sub. N Solano, 76), A Shearer EVERTON (3-5-2) T Myhre — C Short O' Walson, D Unsworth — D Weer, D Hutchcon, O Dacoun, S German, M Ball — F Jellers (sub. D Cadamorten, SS).

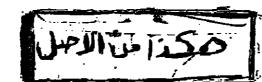
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FA Carling Premiership: Veteran striker sustains pursuit of treble



Sheringham clips the ball back across goal for Solskjaer to give Manchester United the lead. Solskjaer returned the compliment for the second goal. Photograph: Dan Chung

OVER the past year. Teddy Sheringham's career has been as vulnerable to break-ins as an unattended flat on a dank housing estate. First of all, the robbers took his England shirt. The Manchester United jersey was soon to follow. Most ageing sportsmen have to put up with ransacked lives and every other sign of fame seemed set to vanish, but Sheringham's case was different.

The valuables are being returned. Managers function at a low level of compassion and it is the needs of United that have seen Alex Ferguson act in the forward's interests. Introduced as a substitute, he had the height to loom over the Juventus defence and assist at the equaliser in the first leg of the European Cup semi-final. Now, his other attributes are also restored to working order.

On Saturday. Sheffield Wednesday were, in every sense, a flat team. The rigid lines of their defence and midfield left Sheringham, 33, to apply his knowledge of all the hiding places on the pitch. Although he scored a goal of his own and created the others, the veteran was as notable for his playmaking from withdrawn positions, as he pampered other attackers with back-heels, flicks and

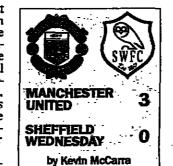
At the risk of mockery, one might say he was reminiscent

Sheringham adds to Ferguson's options

of Zinedine Zidane, even if it will be far harder to maintain the resemblance when Zidane himself and the rest of Juventus side are on the field. All the same, Sheringham may well have earned a place in the lineup for Turin. At the very least, he has deepened the resources available to the inscrutable Ferguson, ensuring that Juven-tus will be in real doubt over United's selection.

If Sheringham has an important role to play, it may be at the continuing expense of Dwight Yorke, despite the latter's strong claim to the Foot-baller of the Year award. In the longer term, there could be difficulty in paying for that sort of wealth of possibilities. With the BSkyB bid for United blocked by the Government, Martin Edwards, the United chairman, has suggested that transfer activity this summer will be limited to the signing of a replacement for Peter Schmeichel, the goalkeeper. A new contract should allow

Ferguson to become the best-



paid manager in the FA Carling Premiership, but personal enrichment alone may not mollify him. Noting that the two NUTO ST212ES OF THE TETTHOOK European Cup will entail a dozen matches before the knockout phase is reached, Ferguson observed that extended squads will be vital. It might have to be the emerging youngsters, such as Wes Brown, who are asked to swell the numbers at Old Trafford. Failure is never far away, but United do look equipped to cope with the existing

emands. Victory is the elixir and, as Ferguson remarked, the policy of squad rotation works best when fresh faces are introduced to a successful team. With another stride taken towards the recovery of the Premiership title, there is a marked spring in United's

While progress is being made in three competitions, connoisseurs of strife have little opportunity to study tensions between board and manager. Sheffield Wednesday had no intention of causing trouble. The function of Danny Wilson's side was

instead of paying attention to the opposition, they only paid tribute to them. After four severe hours of football against Arsenal last week, a United team that retained eight of the outfield players who had begun the FA Cup semi-final replay was surpris-ingly brisk and clever in its attacks. The docility of Wednesday might have been the reaction of disappointed men who had been hoping for iaded adversaries.

After 36 minutes, Roy Keane reached a long cross from Jesper Blomqvist and pulled the ball back to Sheringham. who jabbed it on towards Ole Gunnar Solskjaer. The Norwegian, darting in front of Emer-son Thome, finished firmly. A minute from the interval, United moved further ahead when a cross from Solskjaer was headed home by Sheringham. It was the 250th goal of his senior career, but his first since December 2.

He was at the heart, too, of the 62nd minute. Keane cut an acute pass into the path of Paul Scholes, who scored with a deflected shot after Sheringham's glancing return ball had completed a one-two with the midfield player. The team's obvious contentment makes them more dangerous than ever and they will be enhanced by the return of

Schmeichel against Juventus.

The injured Ryan Giggs is still doubtful.
"We will need to have a wonderful performance in Turin and hit the heights," Ferguson said, "but the players are doing that quite regularly at the moment. We regularly at the moment. We need to score over there, but we will do that with more control and patience."

Wednesday, with six defeats in seven matches, are giving transfusions of confidence to virtually everyone they encounter. They are not even capable of basic abrasiveness and it was always apparent that Perguson would be spared any concern over fresh injuries. The movement of United in midfield and attack bewildered Wednesday, ensuring that they were frequently in no

position even to attempt a

On this evidence, they are a demoralised team. They leave no mark of any sort and their saintly conduct could earn them a place in the Uefa Cup League. To make absolutely certain of continued involvement in the Premiership, they had better show a little devil. had better show a little devil.

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Juventus find strength for battle ahead

Matt Dickinson in Rome sees an Old Lady still full of life

e will struggle to refrain from his mischief-making, mind games and provocative digs about what an Italian hides under his pesto sauce, but this weeks, is not the time for Ferguson to be a smart Alex. The task at hand is too important for that and Juvenius are too dangerous to toy

The Manchester United manager would be better advised to concentrate on the football and he has more than enough to occupy his thoughts. Saturday in Rome brought confirmation that Juventus are coming to the boil with uncanny timing and they continue to scald anyone who dares to dip in their toes.

They played away to Lazio, the leaders of Serie A, beat them 3-1 and headed back to Turin in the sort of indomitable mood that suggests defeat on Wednesday is unthinkable. It did not matter that Lazio were in reckless form, from the goalkeeper, who literally threw in the first goal, to Christian Vieri, who looked £18 million-worth of running and 18 pence-worth of finishing. They still needed killing off and Juventus were not hesitant when it came to plunging the knife.

Juventus will have to run a million miles to beat us," Ferguson said recently, to which the Italians would reply: "If that is what it takes." There is a durability to them and it was impossible to leave the Olympic Stadium without a feeling of dread for United's prospects.

Ferguson's team can win in Turin, they can reach the European Cup final, but they will have to play the football of their dreams to do it. Form suggests that they will have the glimmer of an opportunity but miss the mo-



Davids: magnificent

ment, as they did against Borussia Dortmund the last time that they were in the semi-finals, and it will be

ting Juventus off the hook and Sven Goran Eriksson, who is hiding any regrets at turning down a move to Blackburn Rovers, acknowledged the Old Lady's hidden steel. "For Juventus, it is the game of the year and they know how to handle these important occasions," the Lazio coach said. They are very calm, get on with the job and never lose their heads. Manchester can win the European Cup, for sure, but I think Juventus have the

Saturday, but emerged as assured victors and will be strengthened by the return of Zinedine Zidane, who rested his sore knee, Didier Deschamps, who stretched his

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legs for only 12 minutes here, and Paolo Montero, the Uruguay defender. United will also have to hait the constant motion of Edgar Davids, who was magnificent. The only dilemma for Carlo Ancelotti is whether to

play two strikers, as he did on Saturday, or whether to bamboozle United again by playing Zidane behind a lone striker in Inzaghi. The Juventus coach's comments on Saturday suggested that he may twist his Old Trafford formation rather than stick. "We will attack from the start," he said. "There is no point us waiting for the

That is a worrying prospect for the residents of Salford and there was not a whole heap of good news for Chelsea, either. Lazio are their most likely opponents should they reach the Cup Winners' Cup final and while they are wobbling at the top of Serie A after two remains immense. Undone by Marchegiani.

their goalkeeper, whose blunder gave Thierry Henry the first of his two goals, they might have salvaged some thing had Vieri's radar not been on the blink. "Juventus were lucky," Eriksson said, but United may fear that quality above all.

Charlton count cost Di Canio's baggage of Mortimer's slip

will be a mathematical formula that explains why one point is sometimes worth less or more than one point. In the meantime, it is left to the football supporter's intuition to grasp the fluctuations. There is a trend at football grounds for

fans to call and be

called on their mobile phones. A good many people have never felt comfortable with their radio, it seems, and so fans inside the ground relate the score and pertinent circumstances. At The Valley. you did not need to be able to hear what the other party was saying. On being told the result, they obviously muttered: "Well, that's good, isn't it, against Leeds?" And the Charlton Athletic fan

after seeing what unfolded, it was not. There were three glaring reasons why this was far from being the valuable point it seemed: Charlton were the better, more imaginative side, they were unlucky in the extreme, and Leeds United, for all their manager's protestations of tiredness, simply went through the motions, with the odd dash of arrogance, as if they had noth-

felt obliged to explain that yes, before

kick-off it would have been good, but,

ing to play for. Perhaps younger players exhibit weariness through petulance. They were frustrating to watch, for the understanding and technique was there, along with bags of confidence and the odd flamboyant backheel, but so much of it lacked desire.

David O'Leary, the Leeds manager, defended the youngsters who have brought Leeds so close to European Cup qualification using Harry Kewell, 20, as an example. "He's played 50 games this season. People say he's lost his sparkle. I don't think he's entitled to have that bit of sparkle, to be quite hon-

est." O'Leary said. Ian Harte was, perhaps, the leading

the 21-year-old full back who engineered an unlikely equaliser with a free kick to the CHARLTON ATHLETIC

far post that Woodgate bundled in. Even though Charlton's resources are more stretched than those at Leeds, they found the energy to LEEDS UNITED search for a winner, by Alyson Rudd Stuart having given

> of many lovely attacking moves that saw the ball swept across the pitch with confidence. They deserved the sort of three-point package that guarantees FA Carling Premiership safety and ap-peared to have been granted it when Woodgate's challenge brought down Pringle inside the penalty area.
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them the lead after one

er, said afterwards: "I never think I'm going to miss." And, in this instance, he had every right to feel confident, because he used to practise penalties againt Nigel Martyn when they were at Crystal Palace together. Yet he slipped as he kicked the ball and although Martyn was fooled and dived the wrong way, the ball struck the up-

For a last laugh, the fates decreed that Rufus should be shown the red card for stamping. Rufus was sent off on his Premiership debut in August, when Alan Curbishley's appeal fell on deaf ears. Surely this time the ban will be rescinded, for Rufus was patently attempting to evade Matthew Jones's reckless sliding tackle. If the defender does miss Charlton's last three games of the season, then the point gained against Leeds will be worth less than

CHARLTON ATHLETIC (4-4-2). A Petterson — D Mills. R Rufus, C Titer, C Powell — G Stuart, K Jones, M Kinselle, P Monamer (sub. M Bowen, 68min) — M Pringle (sub. M Bright, 81), A Hunt. (LEDS UNITED (4-3-1-2): N Wertyn — J Woodgate, L Radebe, D Wetherall, I Harte — D Batty, L Bowyer, D Hopkin (sub. A I Hazland, 16) — H Kewell — A Smith, J F Hasselbank (sub: M Jonés, 35).

carried by Derby IT WOULD be understating the case to say that Harry Redknapp has not always been well rewarded for his investment in foreign forwards. One, Florin Raducioiu. famously went shopping in Har vey Nicks when the

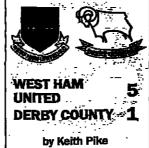
should have been playing: another, Marco Boogers, cracked upaltogether and went to live in a caravan. Off the peg, off the rails ... add Futre, Por-firio and Boere to the list and the West

Ham United marager might have been excused had he confined his search for exotica to the Isle of Dogs. Redknapp, though, is nothing if not persistent and when Paolo Di Canio became available in January there were no second thoughts even if the Italian comes with more baggage than Imelda Marcos returning from half-price day at the local shoe factory. "Di Canio is an outstanding talent and anybody who thought he wain't is a fool," Redknapp said on Saturday. Nobody

owned up. Certainly, Derby County would testi-fy to his ability. They might have been 3-0 up before West Ham had settled and Jim Smith's team had the last word, too, through their own Paulo. But, in between, Wahchope and his colleagues were rippel apart. The man they call "The Volcano" had only been shumbering at the stirt. Once Di Canio had equated Dechauser havied under had erupted, Derby were buried under a cascade of goals and adventure.

It was Di Canio who opened the scor-

ing with the aid of a sizeable deflection off Prior's forehead and Di Canio, cutting in from the right again, who set up Berkovic to double the lead in the 28th minute. He forced Hoult to tip another effort on to a post anfi provided the jewel in a glittering afternoon when, with a defender breathing down his neck, an up-and-under was brought under instant control on his high, the ball then being swept imperiously inside and an-



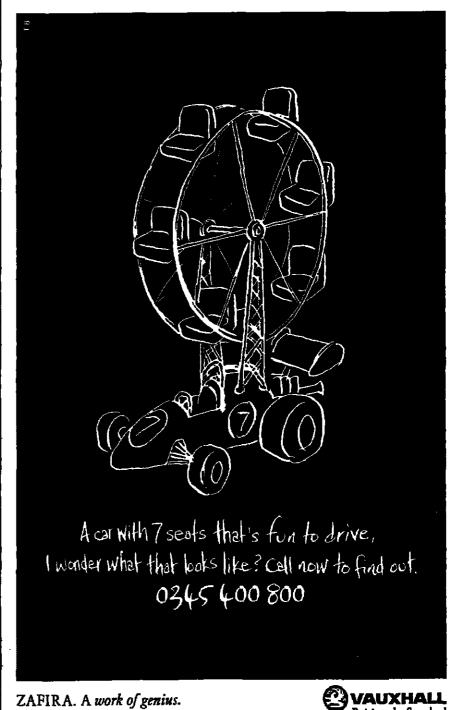
other attack instigated. wards the end, but the impression that he made was indelible.

West Ham supporters should enjoy him while they can, because there is nothing as certain as that it will all end in tears. It always does with Di Canio, now at his ninth club in a 13-year career touched with

playing peaks and temperamental troughs, most notoriously at Hillsborough. Yet when he keeps his excesses in check there are few finer sights and. having exchanged his customary white boots for a pair in fetching aquama-rine. Di Canio was at his goody-goody blue-shoes best at Upton Park.

Three up through Wright's poaching instincts early in the second half, Hoult spilling Lampard's bouncing 30-yard effort. West Ham turned a beating into a rout with two more goals around the hour mark, a far-post header from Ruddock and a more delicate one at the near post from Sindair. Derby deserved Wanchope's late reply - the fact that Hislop was named man of the match says everything about this free-flowing, fluctuating affair — but it was the Londoners who maintained their challenge for fifth place in the FA Carling Premiership and a route to mainstream Europe via the InterToto Cup.

"We've not been out of the top eight all season and when the punters can come here and watch that kind of football, they will have gone home delighted with the players I've signed for them," Redknapp said. And then he was off "to get Jim Smith a glass of red wine". Di Canio's magic moments are winte: Life Camin's magic montents are indeed worth sharing and savouring, west HAM United (3-4-1-2): 8 Histor — 8 Poits (sub: I Wright, 18min), I Pearce, N Ruddock — 3 Lomes (sub: I Wright, 18min), I Pearce, N Ruddock — 5 Lomes (sub: J Cole, 71), M-V Foé, F Lampard, S Minto — E Bertovic — P Di Canio. T Sincibit — J Laursen, S Prior, DERBY COUNTY (3-4-3); R Hoult — J Laursen, S Prior, H Casbonen — L Bothnen, S Schmoor, D Powel, A Dongo (sub: K Harper, 32) — D Sturmdge, P Wanchope, M Beck (sub: A Murray, 58).
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Cample THE TIMES MONDAY APRIL 19 1999 Rogers ensures tempo that Wigan get Wembley glory

90,000-strong crowd paid 126,000 to watch the 1945 League South final, Princess Elizabeth was an interested spectator. Whether she acclaimed Chelsea's 2-0 victory or commiserated with the Millwall hordes is not recorded.

What Queen Elizabeth, as she is now, might have made of the Auto Windscreens Shield final between Millwall and Wigan Athletic at Wem-bley yesterday will not be chronicled, either. An invitation was sent to Buckingham Palace by a cheeky chappie from the New Den, but Her Majesty politely declined. It was a wise decision.

Not until the closing stages did the afternoon spring to life, when the 47,000 Millwall supporters at last found a collective voice to outshout the 8,000 or so who had made the journey from Lancashire. But barely had they discovered their vocal chords than they were silenced by the winning goal in the third minute of inju-

ry time. Liddell's handball went



WIGAN **ATHLETIC** By Russell Kempson

at Wembley

unnoticed in the build-up and, after Nethercott had headed weakly to the edge of the Millwall area, Rogers chested the ball down and dispatched a low shot past Roberts. The Wigan lew erupted in delight and the multitude of stewards ringing the pitch rose as one in red alert in front of the Millwall masses. Their concern

was unwarranted. It had been a strange occasion, preceded by dire warn-ings that Wembley would be laid waste by the visit of Millwall's notorious followers. The Twin Towers would become the Single Tower, it was predicted, as the demolition of the Venue of Legends - due to

The minute's silence to mark the tenth anniversary of Hillsborough may have been interrupted and cut short some Wigan observers were disrespectful, too — but the atmosphere remained bubbly and upbeat. The Elephant and Castle had rocked to the strains of "No one likes us, we don't care" in the morning and shaven-headed, tattooed men, slugging from cans of cider, mingled playfully with chil-

Among the Wigan fans were members of the town's rugby league club, the Warriors, who have made Wembley a second home after ten appearances in the Challenge Cup final in the past 12 years. In lieu of their absence from it this time around, they joined their sporting cous-ins, with whom they will share a new £32 million stadium next season.

dren in lion's costumes.

Dave Whelan, the wealthy owner of both Wigan clubs. was also making a nostalgic first trip to Wembley wearing his football hat, since he played for Blackburn Rovers against Wolverhampton Wan-



Rogers raises his fists in celebration after scoring the decisive goal against Millwall. Photograph: Shaun Botterill/Allsport

in the 1960 FA Cup Final. His afternoon had then ended prematurely, when he was carried off with a broken

ire first half may have erased all his pre-match optis-mism and perhaps made him hunger for the oval ball, but the ball past Carroll, only for the game improved markedly after the interval. Penalty anpeals came and went, in equal measure for each Nationwide

League second division side,

Greenall to clear off the line. Extra time and the golden goal loomed large until Rogers swung his left boot. He had known glory before, as a and Millwall almost went ahead when Harris prodded member of the Sutton United side that defeated Coventry

City in the 1989 FA Cup, and welcomed its return.

"I had a swipe at the ball and that was it." Rogers said. "I'd had a shot ten minutes earlier and it nearly broke the scoreboard. This is much better

'An invitation was sent to the Queen by a cheeky New Den chappie'

places to play and places to score, this is it." Wembley, de-crepit old stadium that it is.

will never lose its appeal.

As the Millwall fans set off to drown their sorrows on the Old Kent Road, Ray Mathias, the Wigan manager, turned his attention to more sober matters. Wigan lie in eighth place in the second division and retain an ourside chance of reaching the play-offs and a possible return to North London next month. "I was delighted to see the goal go in," he said. "Millwall made it hard, but I thought we played a bit better in the second half."

Wigan, who won the competition in 1985, when it was known as the Freight Rover Trophy, must return their attentions to the League when they play Northampton Town tomorrow night. "At the moment, the champagne is on ice," Mathias said. "We've got to be good boys tonight and go

Straight home."

MILLWALL (4-4-2) B Roberts — G Lawn, J
Dolan, S Nethercon, J Stuari — P Bill, R Newman, T Cahill, S Reid — R Souler, N HamsWIGAN ATHLETIC (3-4-3). B Carroll — P
McGibbon, C Greenall, S Baimer — C
Bradshaw, P Rogers, M O'Neil, N Sharp —
A Luddell, S Barlow (sub' D Lee, 89min), S
Haworit.

Bradford overture hits wrong notes

Bradford City

By KEVIN EASON

THE pre-match anthem that had Bradford City supporters throwing their heads back to sing along with once popular pop diva. Yaz, clearly failed to move Huddersfield Town's players. As Bradford fans chorused "The Only Way is Up", Huddersfield kept their heads down and planned the undoing of their Yorkshire neighbours at this crucial stage in their quest for promotion to the FA Carling Premier-

Perhaps Huddersfield are a team of music-lovers. Whatever the reason, they were galvanized into resisting the initial onslaught of Bradford, including a goal after just eight minutes, to score three against the odds and then hang on for 45 minutes with ten men after Steve Jenkins, their captain, was

sent off. This game was ample evidence that the Premiership does not hold exclusive rights to football drama, with six bookings, the dismissal, five goals and a missed penalty ten minutes from time that could have helped Bradford to square this game and claim a vital point.

Paul Jewell, the Bradford manager. will single out his central defenders for special instruction at the training ground this morning. The number of times that Wayne Allison and Marcus Stewart combined to embarrass Darren Moore and Ashley Westwood through the middle of Bradford's defence was too many to count.

The start held only false promise as Bradford surged forward on their wave of disco-inspired pas-sion to be rewarded by a simply Route One goal: Gary Walsh, the goalkeeper, humped the ball for-ward, Mills headed on and Blake stabbed the ball home.
But as Bradford pressed for-

ward, there was precious little cov-er for their central defenders, allowing Huddersfield to target Allison and Stewart. The result was three Huddersfield goals in 14 minutes and a Bradford team more con-fused than crestfallen. As the ten-sion rose, so the tackles became more rash, though the departure of Jenkins, for squaring up to Peter Beagrie, looked more posturing

than threat. However, it changed the complexion of the game, with Hudderfield spending the second half in two ranks defending their penalty area and Bradford pinging in cross after cross. There was one goal to come in the 72nd minute, although it was no more than consolation for Bradford and Dean Windass, the scorer, who missed the penalty seven minutes later.

Jewell could barely believe it. The promotion chase is still on, but losing hurt, especially as the beating was adminstered by Bradford's

WAS Adminstered by Bradford's gloating neighbours.

BRADFORD CITY (4-4-2). G Waish — W Jacobs, O Moore, A Westwood, S Wingit (sub: G Waison, O Moore, A Westwood, S Wingit (sub: G Waison, Smin). — P Beagris, S McCali, G Winaley (sub: D Windass, 70). L Sharpe — R Balve, L Mills.

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (4-4-2). N Vacasn — S Jenkins, C Armstrong, S Collins, J Vincani, — L Richardson, R Edwards, B Thomley (sub: J Dyson 44), S Balchy — M Stewart, W Allson.

Referee: M Pieros

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE

Wolves' perfect timing

Birmingham City... Wolverhampton Wanderers. By Richard Hobson

IF SUNDERLAND acknowledge the need to strengthen a side that is by some distance the best in the Nationwide League to survive at a higher level, then what does that say for the prospects of those who join them in the FA Carling Pre-

Birmingham City have featured in the top six of the first division for all except four weeks of the season. Wolverhampton Wanderers, with one deleat in 17 league games — away to Sunderland — have timed their progress to arrive at the play-offs in the best of form. Both have smart, improved

the misguided belief that they are following a "big" club. Yet you fear for either should promotion materialise next month.

They have to get there first. With Ipswich Town and Sunderland providing the last pair of oppo-nents, Birmingham might be grate-ful for a five-point cushion over Watford "I think we have given great encouragement to the teams around us, but we are near the end and the others are still behind," Trevor Francis, the Birmingham

manager, said.
Wolves, too, face a testing run-in against Bolton Wanderers, Grimsby. Town and Bradford City, as well as the Black Country derby against West Bromwich Albion next Sunday. Steve Bull is fit for the remaining games and the pre-cocious Robbie Keane has re-



Steve Sedgley relieves the pressure on the hard-pressed Wolves defence

turned from the world youth cham-

pionships in Nigeria. Little separated the sides at St Andrew's on Saturday in a game that might also be described as a personal triumph for Colin Lee, the Wolves manager, whose contract expires at the end of the sea-

In asking Steve Corica to operate behind Flo. he caught Birmingham by surprise and, although the home side created more chances. they never quite came to terms with the little man from Australia.

The goal, Corica's first since November 1996, was a beauty. Interchanging passes with Carl Robin-son in each half, he scythed through the Birmingham midfield before meeting a cleverty-disguised reverse ball from Emblen with a firm, low shot. Breaching a well-marshalled defence that had conceded just three goals in the seemed to be beyond Birmingham thereafter.

Richards and Curle presented a solid barrier while Stowell proved a competent figure as he passed Bert Williams's club record of 421 appearances for a goalkeeper. Bradbury shaved the bar in the 76th minute, the promising Hughes slotted wide and, when Johnson's header beat Stowell, Gilkes was on the line to turn it away.

Was Off-the time to turn in away.

Birshingham City (4-4-2): K Poole — G
Rowet, D Holdsworth, M Johnson (sub's Robinson, 66min), M Granger — J McCarthy, M O'Connor, G Hyde (sub D Wassall, 84). B Hughes — D
Adebola, P Nidoru (sub L Bradbury, 66)

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (4-4-1-1): M
Stowell — K Muscal, D Richards, K Curle, M Gilkes
— N Emblen, C Robinson, S Sedgley, P Sympson
— S Conca — H File (sub's Bull, 86)
Rivieree: B kright.

Gudjohnsen gives own masterclass

Bolton Wanderers. Ipswich Town...

By MARTIN WOODS

PLAYING your way out of the Nationwide League first division re-quires not only touch, finesse and luck, but your players need also a certain muscularity to do justice to their will to win. It is the kind of robustness that Ronaldo possesses and it helps your cause considerably if your centre forward has enjoyed the benefit of a few masterclasses from the Brazilian prodigy.

Eidur Gudjohnsen can play foot-ball, at times, like Ronaldo. Bolton's Icelandic No 9 played with the Brazil striker at PSV Eindhoven before an ankle broken playing for his national under-21 team kept him out for two seasons and led indirectly to his arrival at the Reebok

"The boy has got talent for a 20-year-old," Colin Todd, the Bolton's manager, said and, for most of this match, he embarrassed Ipswich. He created the first goal in the 37th minute with a 60-yard run after Thetis, the Ipswich full back, was dispossessed by Frandsen, who passed to Gudjohnsen. The blond striker raced away into the heart of the Ipswich defence before forcing Richard Wright, the goalkeeper, to parry his fierce shot only as far as Bob Taylor, whose shot from a seemingly impossible angle went in off Wright.

Gudjohansen is no Ronaldo and it was not quite in the Ryan Giggs

class, but the sheer audacity of his brilliant solo run marks him out as a fine prospect.

His goal, halfway through the second half, was inevitable, given his burgeoning confidence and Ipswich's flawed response to their

first-half deficit. The decision of George Burley, their manager, to play three at the back and throw caution to the wind in pursuit of three points was exposed as naïve and could yet cost his side a place in the FA Carling Premiership. On this form, they would not wish to meet Bolton in the play-offs.

Gudiohansen struck in the 68th minute after another Ipswich attack broke down on the left. Jensen broke away and found Frandsen in support. The Denmark Under-21 player had time to find Gardner on the left, who looked up to see Gudjohnsen starting his run into the ed the delicious strike that Gud-

johnsen provided to beat Wright. Ipswich did hit the woodwork once in each half, but Johnson and Scowcroft were made to look ordinary by Bergsson and Fish in the centre of defence.

"We did have a bit of an indifferent spell, but it's how you come out of it and I'm just hoping now that we've turned the corner," Todd

BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2)' S Banks — N Cox, G Bergsson, M Fish (Sub P Werhurst, 71mml, J Philips M Johansen, C Jensen, P Fransen, R Gardner E Gudohnsen (sub B Hansen, 80), B Taytor IPSWCH TOWN (4-4-2) R Whoth J Clapham, A Mowbray, M Venus, M Thetis B Petra (sub X Dyer, 46 mm), J Magation, M Holland, M Stockwell (sub R Naytor, 73) D Johnson, J Scoworolt Referees Y, Lynch

Crewe Alexandra.....0 Watford.....1

By A CORRESPONDENT

IT IS obvious that old habits die hard for Graham Taylor. the Watford manager, as his team continue to stalk the play-off contenders in the Nationwide League first division. His doctrine that the best

form of defence is attack inspired a previous Vicarage Road dynasty to football's highest level nearly 20 years ago, although there were murmours of discontent among purists regarding their robust and direct route to the top. The Watford that defeated Crewe Alexandra at Gresty Road has lost none of its sense of purpose, but has perhaps

Watford close in on play-off spot

ulate past glories. Steve Palmer, the Watford central defender, is evidence of that modern style on and off the field of play. There was a composed performance, an-other clean sheet and some articulate words from the Cambridge University graduate. "It's a case of catch-up now

after our season was in danger of petering out altogeth-er," Palmer said. "We've adopted a more attacking basis and are going out to win games. So far, so good and things appear to be working

out." The return trip to the region to play Port Vale tomor-

earned them four successive Tommy Mooney, Watford's versatile striker, scored his third goal in as many games when he made the most of Crewe's defensive frailties inside their own penalty area and struck a vicious, left-footed drive beyond Kearton, the goalkeeper, in the 24th minute.

In the final second, another spectacular shot from Moon-

row night will further test Wat-

ford's resurgence, which has

ey's rebounded down off the crosstar, denying the visitors a second goal that would have represented a fairer reflection on thegame, according to Tay-

Nevertheless, Crewe. did have their moments, as they attempt to lift themselves off the bottom of the table. Murphy, on loan from Liverpool. displayed glimpses of Premier-ship quality, but an errant fin-ish just before half-time expemplified the prodigal nature of his side's touch when it mattered most.

CREWE ALEXANDRA (4-4-3) J Agenton
— D'Windri, D Walton, S MacAuley, S Smith
— J Windri (sub: M Newell, 68mm), P Charnock, S "Drinson. — M Rivers, D Murphy, R

Jazz.

WATFORD (4-4-3): A Chamberlan — D Be-zeley, 5 fulmer, R Page, P Robinson — M Hyde, A Bornot, P Kennedy — N Wright (sub, F Hazan, 90), G Wittingham (sub M Ngonga, (3), T Mooney Reference W Burns

Port Vale Oxford United..

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

BRIAN HORTON, the Port Vale manager, has never experienced relegation and this result suggests that he is not about to start now. With four games to play. Vale have moved three points clear of the Nationwide League first division relegation zone and, thanks in part to five signings made by Horton before the transfer deadline in March, have put together an unbeaten run at exactly the right time. Oxford United, who Horton

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Smart books dream

likely to stay there.

managed for five years, are not so fortunate. With no money to spend, they began the match above their opponents

Tankard delivers relief for Horton

on goals scored, but ended up dropping below not only Vale but also Bury, who beat them a week ago, into the bottom three; with only three games to play, they must be considered

Win all three and you never know," Les Robinson, the captain, said afterwards, but to manage that, Oxford would have to do something twice that they had not managed once since March 9, namely score at home, against Norwich City and then Stockport

their recent travels, but are likely to find Bradford City determined opponents at the Pulse Stadium in a fortnight and seldom threatened to take the lead at a sodden Vale Park on Saturday.

Only after Allen Tankard put Vale ahead in the 55th minute, his mishit volley from Dave Brammer's corner taking a nasty hop off the surface before looping into the top far corner, did they take the game to the home side. Then, with four men up and urged on by

staged a grandstand finish, only for Andy Thomson to volley their best chance over the crossbar from five yards.

The new stand that is being built will provide even more vacant places at Vale Park, half-empty as usual, despite the importance of the game. but at least they will still have the large travelling support enjoyed by many first division clubs to fill their away end next season. The cramped precincts of the Manor Ground one fears, will be quite adequate for Oxford's needs in the second.

Second.

PORT VALE (4-4-2) P Mussewhite — S Taibot, N Aspin, P Beesley, A Tankard — R Eyle, T Widdingron, D Brammer, A Smith (sub. M Bent, Brimn) — A Lee, A Rougier OXFORD UNITED (4-4-2) P Lundin — L Robrison, M Walson, P Sitters, J P Powell — J Beauchamp (sub. A Thomson 61), M Gray, P Tail, N Barnjer (sub. S Weatherstone 65) — F, Flancis, M Musphy Referee: M Fletcher

City blossom in the garden

Manchester City....

By BILL EDGAR

TO MANCHESTER City's supporters, the footballing backwater of Kent was once merely the last part of their journey to European matches. Now, not only have passport control at Dover and Folkestone become distant memories, but the fans have the indignity of realising that the county has become a destination in itself.

City struggled initially this season to come to terms with clubs such as Gillingham, but it seems that they are now well over their culture shock. Having lost only one of their previous 20 games, the visitors

made their first league visit to the Garden of England on Saturday and came up smelling of roses.

Gillingham had been unheaten at Priestfield Stadium since early September and performed well enough to give City cause for concern should the two teams meet again in the second division play-offs. "We've played better and not won." Joe Royle, the City manager, said.

It was Royle's switch from a 4-4-2 formation to 3-5-2 after 15 minutes that turned the game. Terry Cooke, a winger, adapted well at wing back and opened the scoring in the 31st minute when his 25-yard volley took a deflection. Cooke joined City permanently on Friday after a £1 million transfer from Manchester United.

Horlock added to Cooke's goal in the 64th minute with a free kick and although Robert Taylor and Mark Saunders brought fine saves from Nicky Weaver, the visiting goalkeeper, Gillingham were unable to

reduce the arrears. The home side's lack of depth is underlined by the fact that both their reserves and youth team are bottom of their respective leagues. If City and not Gillingham, gain promotion, it may be some time before their supporters need to locate Kent again.

GILLINGHAM (3-5-2) V Bartram - B Astr-GILLINGHAM (3-5-2) V Bartram — B Ash-by, A Pennock G Butlers (sub E Cart. 6mm) — K Brown (sub: J Hodge, 56), P Smith, A Hesserthaler, M Saunders M Pat-terson — C Asaba, R Taylor MANCHESTER CITY (4-4-2): N Weaver — L Crooks, G Welfens, A Monson, A Vaughan — T Cooke, M Brown (sub. J Whit-ley, 67), I Fisher, K Horlock — S Gaaler, P Dickov (sub: G Taylor, 50).

mie vrites). After the 1-1 draw in the first leg. St Albans took a 3-1

aggregate lead thanks to an own goal by Mike Kilgour and I strike by the prolific Steve Clark. Alex Sykes reduced the arrears for Forest Green just before half-time,

the bench to score the win-

fine comeback that saw

Forest Green Rovers beat St

Albajis City 3-2 at The Lawn

vesteday to clinch a place in

the IA Umbro Trophy final

against Kingstonian at Wem-

bley in May 15 (Walter Gam-

date at Wembley GARY SMART, 35, came off and Ian Hedges (74min) and

Smart (Simin) won the ning goal and complete a match in the second half. The sharp skills of Geoff Pitcher had set up Kingstonian's 3-1 win at Cheltenham Town on Saturday. A free kick and two crosses by Pitcher supplied the goals for Matt Crossley, David Leworthy and Gary Patterson that ensured a return to Wembley for Geoff Chapple,

the Kingstonian manager Patterson's strike snuffed out the glimmer of hope offered Cheltenham when Neil Grayson made it 2-1 in the 78th minute.

2.000 supporters, many bussed in free of charge, they Oxford have done better on **Burrows laments profligacy**

Cardiff City Swansea City....

By BILL EDGAR

AS INSIDER knowledge goes, it was hard to beat. Former Swansea City personnel can be found at Cardiff City in the form of the manager, his assistant, one of the physios and four players, three of whom were in action yesterday. Yet. try as they might, they were unable to work out how to breach their local rivals' defence and gain reward for

their clear superiority. Cardiff went close a dozen times to finding the goal that would have taken them to the top of the Nationwide League third division, eight of those scoring opportunities arriving in the final 20 minutes. In contrast, Swansea were restricted to a few long-range efforts on goal and failed to force Seamus Kelly, the Cardiff goalkeeper, into a save.

Today there was only one team in it," Frank Burrows, the Cardiff manager, said, but because of poor technique and poor finishing, we didn't convert any of our chances." It was Cardiff's eighth draw in 13 games, but, six points clear of the play-off zone, they are still strong favourites to go up. Burrows, one of five men to

manage both of these bitter rivals, knows only too well the reason for the noon start to this match. Unlike in some recent seasons, away supporters were allowed to attend the fixture and trouble was averted near the end of this game through the use of police dogs. Swansea managed two decent shots by Matt Bound near half-time that flew just over the bar, but the defender spent much of the second half keeping the home side at bay. In injury time, Bound cleared off the line from Dan-

ny Hill and the draw keeps Swansea on course for the play-offs, through which they were promoted from this level in 1988. One of the teams to go up automatically that year was Cardiff, managed, in his first spell there, by Burrows. CARDIFF CITY (3-5-2) S Keby — J Echhardt, G Michell, M Ford — W O Sullwan (sub. D Hill. 65 mm), C Middleton, M Borner, J Fowler, A Legg — K Nugent, J Willems (sub. J Bowen, 78)
SWANSEA CITY (3-5-2; R Freestone — S Jones, J Strain, M Bound, — R Appleby, A O'Leary, M Thomas (sub. A Brd, 87) N Nusack, J Coates — S Waltim (sub. D Lacey, 19), J Alsop

Running repairs leave Leicester on track for title

By David Hands RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

LONDON'S marathon may have been completed yesterday, but Leicester, having hit the wall at Bath, are still dragging their tired bodies to within touching distance of the Allied Dunbar Premiership title. The run-in will probably extend into May, but victory over Saracens at Welford Road on Saturday has left them needing three points from their

against the pride of the North. There will be no frills to the climax, either. Leicester admit that they have not played well in the second half of the season, but they have kept winning, always the hallmark of champions. They have done so not only on the back of, well. Neil Back and his international forward colleagues, but on the ability of such lesser lights as Jon Stuart and Derek Jelley pattern that rewarded a crowd of more than 14.000 on Satur-

That Saracens matched them for commitment in

HARLEQUINS remain hopeful that Dan Luger will sign a

new contract, despite reports

linking him with a move next

season to Saracens (David

Hands writes). Luger, an Eng-

land wing in seven of eight in-

ternationals this season, has

made himself a prime target

with a series of good displays.

which have brought him four

Dan that we want him to stay." John Gallagher, the di-rector of rugby at Harlequins.

where Luger has been since 1996, said yesterday. "We

have offered him a new con-

We have made it clear to

tries for his country

for Luger's talents

ford club's credit, the only sour note being struck in the closing moments, when Roberto Grau, the Argentinian prop. butted Craig Joiner. The two had been involved in a tussle off the ball until the trustrated Grau used his head - in the wrong sense - with Leicester already the recipients of a penalty. Chris White, who refereed the game with admirable economy, decided that fault lay on both sides and did no more than upbraid the pair. It has been a harrowing three weeks for Saracens since

they lost so heavily at home to Bath, a match that Mark Evans, their director of rugby, described as the nadir of their season. They have reviewed their playing squad - three Australians have been released and other players will follow. Injuries have also hit hard: Paul Wallace, scheduled for a groin operation next Friday that will terminate his sea-

son, hauled himself into the fray as a replacement after David Flatman went down with food poisoning. However, neither Kyran Bracken nor Paddy Johns have written themselves out of the script before the season ends, not with European qualification still in Saracens in contest

suade him to stay. We expect a decision fairly soon from him

Sunday with European quali-

fication an issue between

them and also a determining

factor for players out of con-

tract and seeking a move. Luger. 24. will seek to play in

the highest available domestic

competition next season, after

the completion of the World

Cup in November, where he

is certain to appear in the Eng-

John Mitchell, England's as-

sistant coach, has joined their

Wasps have confirmed that

land squad.

The two clubs meet next

deficit in that period was a cause for concern. Austin Healey's return to action after suspension was, though, signifi-cant: he was full of bounce, finding space where others could not, and he may have Joel Stransky back before the month is out. The South African's knee is still troubling him, but, if their first-choice half backs are in place, Leicester could yet conclude the

we made Leicester work hard

for their win," Evans said and so they did. Indeed, Sara-

cens, when they moved the

ball wide, looked the more dan-

gerous, but they could not find a way through the blanket of

When so many tackles are

made, even the best fall back

upon their goalkickers and nei-

ther Tim Stimpson nor Gavin

Johnson let their sides down.

The two full backs matched

each other with six penalty

goals, but Stimpson had the additional satisfaction of creat-

ing the opportunity from which came the only try. Leicester's hundredth in all

His brave catch, amid a hud-

dle of bodies, inadvertently re-moved Rob Thirlby from the

action and gave Pat Howard the chance to send Stuart run-

ning into space. The Loughbor-ough student found Leon

Lloyd with his pass; by that

time, the Saracens defence

had lost its shape and Martin

Corry had the strength to drive over for the score that, ef-

fectively, made the difference.

Leicester spent in the Saracens

half after the interval, their 6-3

Considering how much time

competitions this season.

the Leicester defence.

season in style. SCORERS: Latesster: Try: Corry (22min) Comversion: Stimpson Penalty goals: Stimpson 6 (8, 10, 18, 30, 38, 68) Sara-cens: Penalty goals: Johnson 6 (4, 13, 20,



Tuigamala attempts to get the ball away as he is brought to ground in the defeat by Wasps yesterday

By DAVID HANDS

THIS season still has the capacity to surprise and after the dust had settled at Loftus Road yesterday on a riveting match, Wasps had moved into the top five of the Allied Dunbar Premiership. In contrast. Newcastle were looking at the ruin of their European hopes and the loss of Rob Andrew.

Andrew left the field clutching a dislocated shoulder after trying in vain to stop the forward rumble that gave Wasps their third try and a matchwinning conversion for Alex King. The former England fly holf will have an X-ray on his half will have an X-ray on his shoulder today and is virtualy certain to miss the Tetley's Bitter Cup final against Wasps on May 15.

The taste in Newcastle mouths was even more bitter for the belief that refereeing errors led directly to two of the Wasps tries. The first, by Martyn Wood, came after the match officials had apparently missed the deflection of a clearing kick off a Wasps hand before Newcastle players were given offside.

Nature of defeat gives Newcastle bitter aftertaste

The second was for a charge by Va'aiga Tuigamala on Gareth Rees that was ruled

From both penalties. Wasps were able to create the pressure from which their tries developed. The decisive one, by Darren Molloy, came after Newcastle had been penalised twice and Gary Armstrong, their captain, had been sin-binned for killing the ball. Sensibly throwing a long pass to Lawrence Dallaglio. Wasps surged infield and near enough to the posts to make the conversion a formality. Defeat keeps Newcastie in eighth place and severely reduces their prospect of a

money-spinning run in the

Amid all the controversy

hesitated in collecting a kick from Armstrong, Underwood swooped and Doddie Weir dispatched a long pass to Tuigamala on the left. Wasps offered an immediate response, despite An-

rugby, notably from Josh Lewsey. His try, the first of the

match, gave Wasps an advan-

tage that they relinquished

when Tuigamala appeared to

be held five metres out, only for Wasps to leave the burly

Samoan free to score on the

Tuigamala twisted the

screw even tighter five min-

utes into the second half. Rees

stroke of half-time.

vehement protests when Robin Goodliffe decided the first of the critical penalty awards in Wasps' favour.

Wood dotted down the try after his forwards had provid-ed the platform and when King added a penalty and a dropped goal, the London side were back in front.

Only for six minutes. Jim Naylor hit a brilliant attacking line or belfing and all

ing line on halfway and al-though Lewsey was back to tackle, Jonny Wilkinson arrived just in time to accept the pass and sprint to the posts. But Newcastle could not exert sufficient control and Tuigamala's tackle on Rees conceded vital ground. That there were four minutes left after Molloy's try was immaterial. With only 14 men and their tactical director gone. Newcastle's bolt was

SCORERS: Waspe: Tries; Lewsey (28mm), Wood (49), Moloy (83). Conversions: King 2 Penalty goals: King 4 (10, 20, 38, 57). Dropped goal: King (65), Newtastie Palcona: Tries: Tugarnala 2 (40, 45), Wikmson (71). Conversions: Wikinson 3. Penalty

ONE down and one to go, Richmond cleared the first hur. dle of their North East double successfully — but only just Earl Va'a, the fly half, secured the points, with his fifth penal. ty goal, from in front of the West Hartlepool posts, with less than four minutes left to claim victory.

Minutes earlier, Steven Vile had put West ahead for the first and only time in the match. His penalty kick in the 74th minute brought him a match total of 30 points. Richmond responded instantly and when Stewart Piercy, the referee, awarded them a conten tious penalty. Va'a put the kick

over with some comfort.
Richmond scored the only
try in the first half, when Va's played Jason Wright, the centre, into space and he galloped clear. Otherwise, the scoring was left to the two place-kick ers. Va'a landing four penalties from five attempts for Rich mond, with Vile successful

with three for West. After the break, West looked more determined and took full advantage of Richmond being down to 14 men - after Dan McFarland had been sinbinned - when Mike Mullins was driven over for a convened try to pull the match level. Richmond scored two welltaken tries through Lee Best, the full back, and Barry Williams, the hooker, to lead 33-25 🗲

at the end of the third quarter. Then Vile made his mark on the contest with a try and the subsequent conversion, and when he landed his seventh penalty six minutes from time. West looked on the verge of a giant-killing act - only for Va'a to snatch victory.

25-26, 25-33, 32-33, 35-36, 35-36 WEST HARTLEPOOL: E Farrel (rep: G MacLuse, 20man); T Handley, M Mullers, J Connolly (rep: P Greaves, 38), S John, S Vie, T Nu'usif ha, S Sparts, S McDonaid, P Beal (rep: K Fourie, 50), D Hydie, P Farrer, J Poson, D Monkley, M Blewer PSCHMOND: 1 Best, N Walme, A Bateman J Wright, S Brown; E Vala, A Moore, D Mc Farlend (shriom, 43-52; rep: M Fitzoperald; 51-65), B Williams, D Compton, D Olumi (shrion, 34-44, rep. Fitzoperald; 44-54), B Cusack, C Galiles, J Berfora, B Clarke Reference; S Piercy (forfishire)

European target remains a Northampton ready to Bath overwhelmed by distant one for Harlequins | extend field of dreams | London Irish flourish

BY MARK BALDWIN

JOHN GALLAGHER, the Harlequins director of rugby. has set his club the task of winning five of their last six league games to ensure European Cup competition at The Stoop Memorial Ground next season. However, the former All Black has also given his players a stark message: if they keep performing like they did against Bedford, then they will have as much chance of reaching Europe as a cross Channel swimmer setting out from Dover and turning sharp

Talking of swimming, Gallagher plans a session in a lo-cal pool as part of his team's preparation for the visit to West Hartlepool on Wednesday. "I might just drown a few while we are there," he said.

"This was our worst performance of the season. In the first half, we were tactically inept. It was very difficult for me to watch and it must have been for our supporters too. No one is smiling in our dress-



Luger: late try

ing-room and we all have a lot of hard work to do if we want to get into Europe. I think we can afford only one defeat from here on in.

"I said to Rudi Straeuli [the Bedford coach that we didn't deserve to win -- although that was no consolation, of course, to him."

Straeuli blamed poor decision-making in the final ten minutes for the latest in a long line of Bedford near-misses. With five minutes remaining, and with Harlequins strug-gling to hold a 17-16 lead. Bed-ford chose to instruct Tony Yapp, the fly half, to go for

goal when a penalty was awarded wide on the right. Yapp had landed the conversion of Rory Underwood's 45th-minute try from a similar position, but a squally shower had blown in from behind the Harlequins posts.

In injury time, two mistakes from the otherwise impressive Dan Harris gifted late tries to Daren O'Leary and Jamie Williams for Harlequins. Indeed, Harlequins fashioned just one coherent movement in the whole game. The introduction of Keith Wood and Zinzan Brooke brought some order and a series of destructive scrums led to a try for Dan Luger, the subject of rumours of a move to Saracens.

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SCORERS: Hariequines Tries: Lugar (63mn). O'Leary (80). Wilsams (80). Conversion: Schuster Penalty goela: Schuster 4 (2, 14, 20, 75). Bedforch Try: Underwood (45). Conversion: Yapp Penalty goels: Yapp 3 (6, 35, 65).

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HARLEGUINS: J. Williams, D. O'Leary, W. Cathing frep. P. Mersah Sömm), J. Schuster D. Lugor, T. Lacrov, H. Hames (rep. C. Wildel, 46). D. Barnes, C. Richyway (rep. K. Wood, 52). G. Falpin (rep. A. Yales, 71). G. Levelfyn, G. Morgan, W. Daveson (rep. Z. Brooke, 59). R. Jeniums, A. Leach.

BEDFORD: S. Siewart, R. Underwood frep. B. Whetstone, 80). A. Murdoch, D. Hams, D. O'Mahony, A. Yapp, C. Hamson, A. O'Ner, J. Richards, C. Boyd, S. Marray, A. Duke, P. Epinici, J. Forster, R. Winters.

Referee: C. Reeks (Somerset).

Northampton. London Scottish.

By Alan Pearey

IT LOOKS too late to stop Leicester winning the Allied Dunbar Premier-

ship, but second-placed Northampton are already dreaming of a greater prize. "We'll be a force against anyone in Europe if we play like that," lan McGeechan, the club's director of rugby, said. "The 15 minutes after halftime were special. Northampton were seen as a pretty side - now we're becoming a ruthless side. We've put the club where it's never been."

McGeechan will not concede the title to Leicester but may feel that their poor new year form on a glue-pot of a surface -- "what has improved New Zealand rugby most is quality of pitches." he said - will cost Northampton their first significant trophy. His spirits have been lifted by some devastating lateseason form, with the defeat of London Scottish at Franklin's Gardens on Saturday taking Northampton's try haul to 17 in three games.

Nick Beal had already had a try

disallowed when he swooped for the opening score after 23 minutes and a three-try, ten-minute burst after halftime took the game way beyond the Exiles' reach.

Pat Lam, also denied a score by the

referee's whistle and felled brilliantly by Simon Fenn with the line beckoning, gained his reward at the third time of asking a minute from the end. It was Lam's twelfth league try of the season. putting him equal first with Steve Harley, the injured Sale injured wing.

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The presence of men like Lam, Tim Rodber and Federico Méndez gives the Northampton pack a menacing look not matched by a less experienced threequarter line. Accordingly, they are seeking a world-class centre and wing for next season.

Scottish are not yet safe from relegation and the spectre looms of a play-off with Bristol, who have a holding in Scottish's professional club. Extraordinarily, they would approach such a meeting knowing that, while defeat would mean relegation, victory might mean that the West Country club would take them over and leave

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37-13, 44-13
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LONDON SCOTTISH: S Birns (rep. I McAusland, 40); K Miligan, J Bonney, 4 Enisson, C Shamen (rep. J Philip, 40), J de Beor, G Esstétov, P Johnstone, D Rucham (rep. D Cummers, 63), P Birnel, E Jones, M Watson (rep. G Manson-Bishop, 65, S Ferm, S Holmes, R Hunter (rep.) Dawas, 65)

London Irish

By Mark Souster

TWO Ireland internationls, one former, the other present, stood on the sidelines at Sunbury, watching the quality of this performance no doubt with similar emotions. Malcolm O'Kelly, who will not play again for the club because of injury and his decision to re-turn to Ireland this summer, ques-tioned whether he had done the right thing. Simon Geoghegan, who is still registered with Bath but is a former Exiles favourite, confirmed that he will not play senior rugby again.

O'Kelly hinted that his decision to re-join St Mary's on an Irish Rugby Foothall Union contract had been prompted by the lack of a firm offer from London Irish. Dick Best, the club's director of rugby described O'Kelly's departure as a huge loss.

It was London Irish's first league victory over Bath in ten attempts and did their hopes of qualifying for Europe a power of good. They are now third with 28 points, but have only two remaining games. In the meantime, Best will continue

his trawl for recruits, concentrating where possible on British or, preferably. Irish talent. Conor O'Shea. who's try in the second minute opened the floodgates and who contributed 17 points in all. may have been the only Irishman in the side, but the support showed that the club will always be a social focus for the Irish community in the capital.

Having seen Bath shred Saracens. London Irish. who were quicker to the breakdown, concentrated on aggressive defence in the build-up to the game and it worked. They were in Bath's face from the kick-off and knocked them out of their stride, prompting a rash of mistakes and turnovers from which the home side prospered. Brendan Venter was the catalyst, either popping up at fly half or in his usual position at centre, but the support cast must not be overlooked. Robert Todd, doing a passable imitation of Va'aiga Tuigamala. helped himself to three tries while Burrows. Berridge and Hardwick also crossed as Bath failed to live with the Dace. SCORERS: London trish: Tries: Todd 3 (30mm. 51.

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BATH: M Perry (rep. T Archebayo, 79), I Baishar (Maggs, M Tindall, A Adebayo, M Catt, G Cooper rep. A Nool, 40). D Histon (rep. K Yates, 40), M Regen, Y Ucogu, M Haag (rep.) B Stumbarn, 40), S Borthwok, Earnshaw, R Bayan, D Lyle Referee: B Campsail (Yorkshire)

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Class divide proves too wide for **Cross Keys**

Cross Keys..

By GERALD DAVIES

SWANSEA went farther than Cardiff, their fellow rebels, by reaching the final of the SWA-LEC Cup at Ninian Park on May 15. Their opponents will be Llanelli, who, incredibly. overcame Cardiff on Saturday and will be making their fourteenth appearance in the final, which they have managed to win on ten occasions.

Cross Keys were not a true match for Swansea yesterday at Sardis Road, Pontypridd, and the contest accentuated the difference between a leading club and one from a division below. It did not take long

Lianelli, who have won the Welsh knockout cup ten times, were comfortable winners over Cardiff in the other SWALEC Cup semi-final at the Brewery Field, Bridgend on Saturday. Byron Hay-ward, the Llanelli fly half, kicked 24 points in an ill-tempered contest that pitted the Welsh league leaders against one of the "rebel" clubs."

for Swansea to register the first points. Cross Keys had not even visited their opponents' half before Mark Taylor found space from a long pas by Arwel Thomas to make a break. Thrusting aside a couple of tackles, the centre managed to make it to the line.

A dropped goal by David Rees gave Cross Keys some hope, even though this was cancelled out by the first of two penalty goals from Thomas.

The next points did not come for another 20 minutes. a spell ended by a confident break by Thomas from his own half, the kind of break that is so typical of the player. which saw him cut through the defence from his own tenmetre line and should have extended the Swansea lead. In-

by surprise, he ran out of support, but the movement did es tablish the pattern. Four tries came in quick succession in the next ten minutes, three of them to Matthew Robinson.

The first came from nothing so creative as the run by Thomas. An error by Rees in loose play saw Robinson latch on to the stray ball to run in for the score. The next one was beautifully initiated by a threequarter movement in their own half and a timely underhanded pass by Taylor to David Weatherley behind the back of his opposite number. Robinson outstripped the cover defence over 60 metres.

Swansea were now in rampant mood, with Thomas only offering a rare kick for relief. Both the try scored by Richard Rees and the third of Robinson's tries were initiated deep within their own half and were examples, at this stage, of Swansea's attacking mood.

Cross Keys offered some enterprise of their own, but the difference in speed, power and organisation of their opponents was noticeable. The closest that Cross Keys came was in the second half, when Bebb and Bushell contrived a brilliant move out of defence but were denied a try by Robin-son's last-ditch tackle.

Swansea confirmed their superiority with further scores in the second period, but they failed to achieve the same fluidity and their tries lacked the panache of the early stages.

SCORIERS: Suransea: Tries: Taylor (5mm), Robinson 3 (27, 28, 39), Rees 2 (37, 56), Maulin (83); D Thomas (74) Conver-sions: A Thomas 5, Davies 2 Pentelly goals: A Thomas 2 (8, 43). Cross Keys: Dropped goal: Rees (8). SCORING SECURENCE (Swansea first) 7-0, 7-3, 10-3, 17-3, 24-3, 31-3, 38-3 (half time), 41-3, 46-3, 53-3, 60-3.

CROSS KEYS: I Bebb, J Vernell (rep. Crane, 32), S Reed (rep. G Cooper, 64), Bushell, F Nacholis; D Rees, C Elis (rep. Walsh, 40); I Evans (rep.: G Smoot, 40), Gardiner (rep:: L Davies, 68), D Crimmins, 1 Charles (rep.: L Davies, 68), I Crammins, 1 Charles (rep.: L Davies, 68), I Crammins, 1 Charles (rep.: L Davies, 68), I Charles (rep.: L Davies, 6



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Robinson, of Reading, is just of target after beating Cadman, the Southgate goalkeeper

HOCKEY

Southgate frustrated by Mason's defiance

THE English Hockey League Premiership play-offs ended at Reading yesterday with the home side defeating Southgate 4-2 to join Cannock, the holders, in the final at Milton Keynes on May 3. Cannock had qualified on Saturday with a hard-earned I-0 victory over

Southgate. Reading, who had beaten Canterbury 8-2 on Saturday, encountered stiffer opposition from Southgate, who levelled the scores in the eighteenth minute with a well taken goal by Woods after Robinson had given Reading the lead from a short corner eight minutes

Although claimed the initiative at the start of the second half they fell behind in the 45th minute when Hoskin put Reading 2-1 Three spectacular saves by Mason denied Southgate a goal from short corners before Reading went into a 4-1 lead with goals by Loose and Robinson. Two minutes before the end, Williams converted a short corner for Southgate.

The Cannock v Southgate match on Saturday should have produced more than one goal, but on the balance of play Cannock deserved to win. When Sharpe scored in the 62nd minute from a scrambled short corner he atoned for an earlier miss by Crutchley, who failed to beat McKewan, the substitute Southgate By Sydney Friskin

goalkeeper. Southgate, who survived a determined attack in the first 20 minutes of play. came more into contention in the latter part of the first half and early in the second, but could not contain Cannock's late onslaught.

They came close to equalising from a short corner in the dying seconds but the final push by Simons went astray. Midway through the first half. Cannock had lost Pidcock. their centre half, who was carried off with a broken knee

Canterbury were still in with a chance when they trailed Reading 4-2 at halftime, but Reading added four more in the second half. Pearn and Robinson each scored three times in the game.

Culliford shoots Clifton to final

By CATHY HARRIS

TWO late goals in a seven-minute spell by Lucy Culli-ford helped Clifton to recover from being 2-0 down and beat Ipswich 4-2 in the playoffs at Reading yesterday and clinch a place in the EHL Premiership final against Slough, the defending cham-

Slough qualified for the final on May 3 thanks to two successful penalty corners by Ali Burd, which enabled them to beat Ipswich 2-1 and qualify automatically for the inaugural final in the new Ipswich made the perfect

start against Clifton, who had beaten Hightown 2-i on Sat-

urday, when Vicki Sandall clanced in a free hit by Sandie Lister in the third minute. Sarah Bamfield put them in the driving seat with a superbly-struck second goal just before the interval.

However, Clifton hit back quickly after the restart when Tammy Miller set up Juliei Rayden to reduce the deficit. Culliford proceeded to level the scores seven minutes later when she stole in to mudge home Denise Marston Smith's shot, following up after a corner.

As Ipswich fell apart, Culliford was on target again to put ber team ahead in the 59th minute and Marston Smith made sure of victory eight minutes from time.

One-day jazz falls on deaf ears

TO Michael Kasprowicz, the Leicestershire and Australia seam bowler, the business of giving teams nicknames and playing music as players walk out to bat is old hat. Kasprowicz, who had the dubious pleasure of playing in the opening fixture of the new 45-over, two-division CGU National League at a sodden

are in such a lather about the jazzing up of English cricket. Kasprowicz has been a Queensland Bull for about four years and, as far as he is concerned, that is just the way modern cricket is, like it or lump it. "A few feathers were ruffled, but it did give the game some profile and the way it's discussed now is the Bulls v the Redbacks rather

John Stern sees rain and apathy foil

the marketing men's best efforts

than Queensiand v South Australia." he said. Kasprowicz believes that rlything that might bring a fev more people through the turnstiles is worth a try. In Grace Road on Saturday, fatt. anything that creates seems bemused that people some sort of atmosphere and makes the players feel that they are participating in something worthwhile is likely to be roundly applauded by all professionals on this mori-

nd circuit. What he could not answer is whether it is possible to sell domestic cricket to an anathetic public when the national team, the only area of cricket that has genuine profile, is so

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Agril sunshine watching a

fairly typical Sunday contest

that suggested that the Mid-

dlesex Crusaders have more

chance of escaping from the

selond division than the Not-

t was effectively decided by

dseberry and Langer after

Weekes had sliced Drakes to

backward point. Langer made

71 off 76 balls to take his aggre-

gale to 545 in his past five in-nings: Roseberry scored 64. The Middlesex total of 239

tod many for Nottingham-

shire once Fraser had re-moved Welton and Gallian.

Joinson put a brave face on it

with 57 from 67 balls and Drakes and Read somehow

scored 59 in nine overs in the

lens that the ECB should

have foreseen when it decided to play 45-over matches in

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tinghamshire Outlaws.

unsuccessful. "The success of the national side has a direct influence on the popularity of the game in Australia," he said. "I guess people see certain players doing well and it is a case of coming to watch your heroes." Yet despite Australia's status as the best side in the world, hardly anyone watches first-class domes-

crowds are better for the oneday competition. Atmosphere was sadly lacking at Grace Road for three reasons. The weather was wretched, Leicester's rugby team were playing at home and few people appear to care

tic cricket there, although

about the county champions. There can have been no more than 1,000 in the ground. The only point of note in the

match itself was the first "free hit" in county cricket. When John Stephenson, of Hampshire Hawks, bowled a noball in the 32nd over, Dominic Williamson, of Leicestershire Foxes, was allowed a free hit at the next ball without the threat of dismissal, unless he was run out. He stepped away to leg and carved Stephenson past Keech to the third-man boundary.

The conditions made for one-day cricket at its limpest. Leicestershire scrambled to 152 for seven off 40 overs and Hampshire's chase of an adjusted target had barely begun before another downpour arrived.

Yesterday

Saturday

First division

PPP county championship Warwickshire v

Northamptonshire EDGBASTON (final day of four). Warwic shire (9pis) drew with Nonhamptonshire (

Umpires M.J.Kilchen and A.G.T.Whitehead CGU National League

Leicestershire Foxes v Hampshire Hawks LEICESTER (Leicestershire Foices won loss), No resull, Leicestershire Foices (2pts. Harripshire Hawks (2)

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Second innings

Total (2 wkls)...... FALL OF WICKETS 1-8, 2-17

Umpres A.A.Jones and N.G.Cowley

SCOREBOARDS

CGU National League Second division

Durham Dynamos Surrey Lions CHESTER-LE-STREET (Surrey Lions won toss): Surrey Lions beat Durham Dynamos by two runs (D/L method)

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A J Hoticake c Specipi to Wood

B C Hoticake c Specipi to Philips

S Shaha C Collingwood b Philips

G P Butcher not out.

A J Tudor b Wood.

M P Bictnett not out.

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Total (7 wdes, 26 overs).

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S JE Brown run out 0
Extres (b 1, b 11, w 6, nb 2) 20
Total (25.4 overs) 786
FALL OF WICKETS 1-22, 2-28, 3-78, 4-138, 5-170, 6-180, 7-181, 8-186, 9-186
BOWLING Bicknet 6-0-24-0, Tudor 5-0-48-2, Benjamin 4-0-25-1, M A Butcher 3-0-22-0, A J Hollosike 4-4-0-33-2, Shahad 1-0-90, B C Hollosike 2-0-13-1
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Umpres G Sharp and R A White Middlesex Crusaders v

Nottinghamshire Outlaws LORD'S (Middleser Crusaders won loss) Middleser Crusaders beat Nottinghamshre Cullaws by 62 runs

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M A Roseberry c Johnson b Dowman. .64
J L Langer c Wharl b Drakes 71
M R Finanprakash b Franks 12
O A Stath c Read b Stemp .0
fD C Nash not out. .22
K P Datch run out .16
J P Howlt not out. .4
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Total (6 wide, 45 overs) .239
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FALL OF WICKETS 1-33, 2-164, 3-171, 4-173, 5-209, 6-233 4-173, 5-209, 6-233
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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE OUTLAWS
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Kenricks boost **Aldwinians**

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By BARRY TROWBRIDGE

EVEN to the point of refusing to send on replacements simply to fulfil a lifetime's dream of playing at Twickenham. Aldwinians' professional approach to the NPI Cup final was the outstanding feature on Saturday as what should have been a rousing finale to the season for junior clubs became little more than a

damp squib. With a squad moulded over the past three seasons by Mike Kenrick, a past captain of Lancashire and Sale. Aldwinians. from Manchester, defied the role of underdogs by two divisions and squeezed the life from Dudley-Kingswinford.

Inevitably, Kenrick, a 48thminute substitute at No 8, influenced his men's performance, but, in front of him. Paul, his younger brother by ten years, was as good as anybody on the field, including Dean Schofield, his partner in the second row, who scored what proved to be the game's

season has some way to run, but doubtless that did not detract from the celebrations at

critical score being Kevin Harwhich put his team two scores clear with 11 minutes left.

Ducatey-Ringsmandor. 175: 10pts (45). Conversion: E Smith. Penalty goes: E Smith (33) SEQUENCE (Aldwinians first) 30, 6-0, 6-3 (half-time), 6-10, 11-10, 18-10, 21-10.

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ALDWINIANS: T Crossman: J Hampson, N Hyde, M Whodwerd, R Skaffe, M Jackson, J Openstraw, H Steimascak, S Gasham, P Dombawand, P Kermok, D Schoffield, C Rushworth, C Jackson, S Brown (rep: M Kernok, 48min).

DUDLEY-KINGSWINFORD: A Grosvenor (rep: M Haistead, 59), W Port, P Writing (rep: M Wisson, 51), A Hart, P Baker (rep: A Port, 41), E Smith, S Peny, C Evans (rep. A Afrierbury, 78), M Dewas (rep: R Smith, 73), M Lockley, J MacRae (rep: W Millard, BS), G Topper, N Shillanglord, I Langford, B Connerl

With promotion from North West I to North II still to be confirmed, Aldwinians' London Welsh's ground in Richmond, especially as Biller-icay, who had earlier won the Telley's Bitter Vase final to complete a league and cup double, joined them there to

In an equally uninspiring game, Billericay saw off Silhi-lians, from Solihull, 19-3, the man's fourth penalty goal, the only points in the second half,

SCORERS: Alderinians: Tries: Schofield 2 (48mm, 49) Conversion: M Jackson Penalty goals: M Jackson 3 (5, 27, 80) Dudley-Mingseinfront: Try: Tipper (43). Conversion: E Smith. Penalty goet: E Swith (3)

to winning start BY PAT GLESON mich sign of the younger ele-ment they are trying to attract. Instead a fairly typical gath-ering of a thousand or so har-

LORD'S (Middlesex Crusaders won toss): Middlesex (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire Outlaws by 62 runs

THE thinking behind Mike Roseberry's return to Middlesex after four unfulfilling and, at times, distressing seasons with his native Durham is that batting with the prolific Australian Justin Langer could be just as beneficial to him as partnering the great West Indian Desmond Haynes used to be.

It seemed a reasonable proposition yesterday when Roseberry, who averaged 13 in the Axa League last year, joined Langer in a secondwicket partnership of 131 to set up victory for Middlesex in the first CGU National Cricket League game to be played at Lord's.

Lord's being Lord's, there were no fairground swings and roundabouts, no rodeo rides or bouncy castles to herald the new era trumpeted by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB). Nor was there

Middlesex get off | Hollioake inspires **Durham collapse**

By RICHARD HOBSON

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Surrey Lions won toss): Surrey Lions (4pts) beat Durham Dynamos by two runs (D/L method)

DURHAM, requiring four runs for victory in the final over with three wickets in hand, contrived to make a losing start to the CGU National League. Adam Hollioake held his nerve to bowl the final over and, with panic spreading through the home ranks, Lewis and Brown were run out and Killeen caught at mid-

Surrey have been installed as favourites to win promotion despite propping up the Axa League in its final season. The fact that Durham finished immediately above them did not augur well for the quality of this first meeting in the new format and a sparse crowd evidently needed some convincing that English cricket had entered "a new era".

There seemed to be remarka-bly little difference between this and many other one-day matches to have gone before. A reduction from 45 to 26 overs per side because of a hailstorm ensured even more frantic hitting than usual. Surrey, 52 for one when rain

stopped play, scored briskly thereafter in between a steady flow of wickets and Ben Hollio ake, whose 45 from 33 balls included four sixes, three of them in succession against Collingwood, gave the innings extra impetus before becoming the middle of Phillips's three wickets. Adam Hollioake, attempt-

ing to rediscover his form ahead of the World Cup after a poor England tour of Sharjah. lasted just three balls when Speight took a fine diving catch to his right off the bowling of Wood.
The total of 175 for seven was extended by 14 under the

Duckworth-Lewis system and appeared to be sufficient when Tudor removed Morris and Collingwood with successive balls in his second over. However, Boon kept Durham in the game with 55 from 39

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Spanish eyes twinkle anew

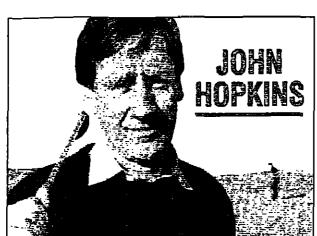
ing to visit Spain at any time and it would be a pleasure to be in Barcelona this week. This has nothing to do with a desire to visit Gaudi's cathedral or to take a leisurely stroll down the Ramblas. Besides, I prefer the cathedral in Majorca. The attraction of Spain's second city this week concerns celebratory events to do with José Maria Olazábal and Sergio García.

Though Severiano Balles-teros has said that he is recognised and appreciated more in the United Kingdom than in his native country, it is hard to imagine Catalonia being anything other than en fête this week when Olazabal returns to competitive play in the Spanish Open after his triumph in the Masters, and when Garcia, who had been the leading amateur in Augusta, turns professional on Wednesday.

For Spain to have the winner and the leading amateur in the Masters in the same year is a remarkable double. The day when this happened was arguably the greatest day in Spain's golfing history. exceeding Ballesteros's first triumph in the Open Championship and the Masters, in 1979 and 1980 respectively. greater than Olazábal's first victory in the Masters, in 1994, and greater even than Europe winning the first Ryder Cup to be staged in Spain. a team captained by Ballesteros, in 1997.

Never mind Olazábal's iron play, his wonderful chipping and putting, I have enormous admiration for his character and dignity and the week before the Masters it was instructive to see him around the hotel where he. Sergio Gomez, his manager, and Maitie, Gomez's wife, were staying. At breakfast-time one morning. Olazabal playfully pretended to strangle Maitie; at other times, the three of them did a mock conga together as they came back to the hotel after dinner. They looked like two doting parents with their eldest son.

In the hotel, an unshaven Olazábal appeared relaxed and charming. This did not



stop me wondering then, as I had at other times since he had returned from his absence with foot problems, later diagnosed as a lower back injury, whether he had made some Faustian deal with the Almighty - give me my health back and in return I will accept a diminution of

Such thoughts have been swept away by the manner in which he played at Augusta. Discovering that regaining his health is a greater gift than regaining his golf has helped him to play better. He remains the worst driver among the world's leading professionals, but he is less hard on himself now. Gone are some of the furies that used to beset him when a three-iron from 220 yards would end a few feet from its intended target, or an 18-foot curling putt would not disappear into the hole.

His calmness and resolution on his way to his second green jacket could hardly have been improved upon. Now, indeed, he might become only the second gotter in the game's history to win more major championships after a serious illness than before. Ben Hogan had three major championships to his credit when he was nearly killed in a car accident in February 1949. Despite being told

he might never walk again, he recovered and won six more. Garcia turning professional

this week will strike a chord in the memory because the hoop-la surrounding this event will be reminiscent of that which surrounded Justin Rose, a young Englishman who quit the amateur ranks immediately after finishing joint-fourth in the Open last July. There the similarities end. though.

been

arcia's career has

monitored

controlled more closely than the economy. Talk about being booted and spurred for professionalism: in the past six years, he has competed in nearly 30 professional tournaments. 13 of them in 1998, when he missed only one halfway cut. He has won 37 and only two matchplay matches since 1997. In short, he has answered every challenge that has been put to him, the most recent being to overtake Tom McKnight, the losing finalist in the 1998 US Amateur Championship, who led him by two strokes after 54 holes at Augusta, and so become the leading amateur. This was the final flourish of a brilliant amateur career.

Even then, though, it was said that he would turn professional only if all his sponsor-

'For Spain to have the winner and the leading amateur in the same year is remarkable'

ship deals and contracts were put in place last week. "We learnt our lesson from Justin, José Marquina, who describes himself as García's unofficial manager, said. "We want Sergio to be able to concentrate on playing golf as a professional from the moment he turns pro." Clearly, that has happened and Garcia starts a new phase of his life in a well-ordered

This is in contrast to Justin Rose, for whom it seems to have gone wrong. While Garcia's progress has seemed to be pre-ordained, Rose's has appeared rushed and unplanned. He turned professional before his 18th birthday when he had not won many amateur events and he had no contracts in place. As is obvious now that he has failed to advance to the third and fourth rounds of all 17 events in which he has competed as a professional, there were flaws in his swing that were not evident when he was an amateur but have been exposed by the professional game.

"Our decision to take Justin to professional golf was very amateur compared with García," Ken Rose, Justin's father and main adviser, said. "Our three-year plan for him to get into the pro ranks was thrown awry by what happened at the Open. When we decided in March last year that Justin was going to turn professional, we had no control over what happened in the Open.

"In March, we did not feel that Justin had any profile. We thought we would let him go and play. We had no commercial arrangements in place when the decision was taken. We thought we would learn it on the hoof. We just went with the flow. Obviously, we did not know the Open was going to happen."

When one remembers the level of national pride that Rose generated last summer. it is a shame that he has had troubles since. One hopes they will be resolved. For Garcia, there seem to be no such doubts. This is a week to celebrate. Olazabal is back on his feet, hallelujah; Garcia has the world at his.



García and Olazábal's outstanding double at Augusta provided Spanish golf with arguably the proudest day in its history. Photograph: Gary Hershorn

THIS WEEK IN THE TIMES

TOMORROW

Have Arsenal kepi pace with the leaders in the race for the FA Carling Premiership litle? And Dennis Wise hears his late

WEDNESDAY The Times FA Youth Cup approaches its climax. News of Everton, the holders, in action against West Ham United in the first leg of the semi-finals.

THURSDAY Did Manchester United reach their second European Cup final? And can Cheisea oust lalented Real Mallorca from the Cup Winners' Cup?

FRIDAY our writers of the England squad selected by Kevin Keegan for the international against Hungary in Budapest.

SATURDAY The wit of Robert Elms. Leboeuf and snooker's into its latter stages at the

TELEVISION HIGHLIGHTS

TURIN is the next stop for Manchester United in their quest for a unique treble of European Cup, league championship and FA Cup. The first-named is the priority as they bid to emulate Charlton, Best and Co in the team of 1968 and mighty Juventus stand in their way in the European Cup semi-final. United have never won a European tie in Italy and wers can see if they are able to wipe that unwanted distinction from the memory banks (ITV, Wednesday, 7.30pm).

JOHN HIGGINS hopes to claim a slice of history in the Embassy world snooker championship that, in time-honoured tradition, saturates the screen. He is attempting to become the only first-time winner to retain the title. Messrs Hendry and O'Sullivan may have something to say about it (BBC1, BBC2, daily, various times).

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🕽 HEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

In the qualifying round of the Forbo Teams Tournament the Dutch Senior team faced China, winners of the four-way international event. The Seniors were not impressed, and scored a fine victory, whitewashing their opponents. Loek Verhees handled this Three No-Trumps carefully to

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North-South did well to sit to Three No-Trumps rather than the doomed Four Spades which has little chance even on a normal trump break (the defenders just play trumps at every available opportunity).

Verhees received a friendly heart lead won by the jack in dummy as East followed with a small card. leaving Wes in doubt as to who held the less. It now looked as if declarer has nine top tricks, but when East showed out on the act of spades Verhees needed an endplay against West in order to succeed.

He continued with a small club to strip West of his minor-suit exit cards. West took his ace of clubs and switched to the king of dia-

monds, ducked, and another diamond (a second heart would have worked out far better - the play gets complex but if West had played a second heart, the defence can arrange to avoid the endplays by West unblocking his king

of diamonds under the ace). Verhees won the ace of diamonds on the second round. crossed to the jack of spades and led a spade towards dummy, forcing West to split his 10-9. Three rounds of hearts followed, and West was endplayed: he could cash one more heart but then had to lead a spade into dummy's K-8: nine tricks made. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard **TERRIEN**

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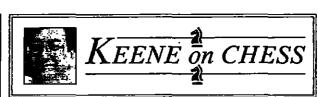
UREDO a. An Alpine shrub

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a. A language b. Cambridge Blue c. Related by marriage **TALMA**

a. A cloak b. A card game

Answers on page 48



BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

New move

The Indian grandmaster, Viswanathan Anand, for some time considered the most likeiy challenger to Garry Kasparov's world title, has suf-fered an extraordinary slump in the elite tournament at Dos Hermanas in Spain. In today's game. Anand could con-sider himself more than fortunate to escape with a draw after an opening surprise by his opponent left him with an ut-terly lost position. Even in the final position. White could still have played on for a win. White: Peter Svidler Black: Viswanathan Anand

Ruy Lopez

3 Bb5 4 Ba4 5 0-0 6 d4 8 dxe5 9 Nbd2 c3 15 Qg4+ 15 e6 16 Re1 17 Bxe6 18 Nf3 28 Qxd6 29 gxf3 30 Rxe7 31 Rxe7

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Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday

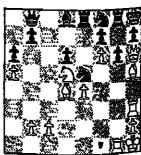
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is

from the game Garcia -Sasikiran, Ubeda 1999. Although Black is doing his best to defend his kingside. White's concentration of force in that sector now proved too

hot to handle. How did White Solution on page 48



Fans' criticism of United a bit rich

Matt Dickinson
says that anger
over moves to
tighten the Old
Trafford purse
strings is misplaced

or the crime of sharing a beer with Martin Edwards in a bar in Lodz late last year, the punishment was to be threatened with a bottle in the face. "How can you buy a drink for that traitor," the Manchester United fan snarled, his San Miguel brandished ever closer. In the best journalistic traditions, I made my excuses and left.

excuses and left.

The drinking holes will be out of bounds once again this week as the lynch mob reconvenes in even greater numbers in Turin. Some of the fans are on the warpath again and the United chairman, as much as the Juventus supporters, is at the top of their list.

His crime, apart from becoming chairman in the first place, was to say that there will be no money available to Alex Ferguson this summer beyond that needed to replace Peter Schmeichel. "With spending £44 million over the next two seasons developing the ground to a capacity of 67,000 and also on the new training complex at Carrington there will be no more spending like last year [when £28 million purchased Jaap Stam, Dwight Yorke and Jesper Blomqvist]," Edwards said. "We have to make sure we do not go heavily into the red. It is not a bottomless pit, that is the reality of it." Cue howls of outrage.

The criticism will be nothing new to Edwards, who hears little else. and there is no doubt that his timing could have been better. The dub has just been named the richest in the world, with a turnover in 1997 of £87.94 million, and supporters want to look forward to the second leg of their European Cup semi-final against Juventus on Wednesday rather than hear tales of hard times. But it has reached the stage where the criticism of Edwards is as demented as the Manchester Evening News poll that demanded Ferguson be fired a year after securing the Double in 1994. It is a fact of life that supporters



share no more affinity with a club's board than they do with their bank manager — the responsibility to be prudent makes both appear killjoys — but Edwards is facing a barrage of abuse that goes beyond reason and it is time that the fans acknowl-

edged their good fortune instead.

If their greatest desire is to see the best players coached by the best manager while they sit in the best ground in the country, then surely they are wallowing in the riches of Croesus at Old Trafford. And the man who has made it possible, if not through his own abilities then through asture delegation, is Edwards.

It was the supporters, after all, who wanted Ferguson dumped in 1989, when the club was underachieving, and it was Edwards who, with the advice of his board, en-

sured that he stayed. The chairman has probably not been patted on the back too many times for that. "Sack him," they cried again when Ince, Hughes and Kanchelskis were sold, but, mercifully, sanity prevalied among the directors.

It is the way of supporters that

they want everything both ways, never more so than when it comes to Old Trafford financing. They want the club to be hugely successful, which Edwards entured by launching it on the Sock Exchange, and yet they also want it run by some kindly benefactor with a bottomless pit of cash. Lie, except at Ewood Park, is not like that. Those supporters conveniently ignore the fact that many of them were hardly rushing to but their

funds into the club when the first

share issue was met by an under-

whelming response. So much for putting your money where your mouth is.

mouth is.

Hindsight is a wonderful thing for those with axes to grind, so Edwards is still criticised for the proposed sale to Michael Knighton for £10 million a decade ago, never mind that it was Knighton, rather than Edwards, who was seen as the screwball at the time. Now he is attacked for accepting a £623 million offer from BSkyB — 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times — that was legally impossible, never mind daft under any rationale, to resist.

There are wider football arguments against the BSkyB takeover, but they make least sense of all from the mouths of United fans who may now, as Edwards's warning over transfer funds suggests,

Expensive tastes: United are not willing to plunge so heavily into the transfer market this summer after allowing Ferguson to spend £28 million to recruit Stam, left, Yorke and Blomqvist

lose out. There will be more money to spend than he will admit and his gloomy forecast is more an irritated response to those supporters who opposed the BSkyB deal than a realistic assessment, but the point is made nonetheless — Rupert Murdoch would have allowed heavier

spending on players.

So. United will carry on with the same board until the next bid, probably a hostile one, and supporters can rest assured that it is in safe hands. Soaring wages, which have ruined other clubs, have been maintained at sensible levels. The best manager in the country will shortly become the highest-paid.

et still Edwards cannot win. The supporters want big-money signings but whinge that Old Trafford is run more like a corporation than a football club. They complain that the ground needs expanding and yet, when the prices go up to pay for the work - and are still cheaper than many of their rivals' - the chairman is accused of a rip-off. Supporters say he should sell the club and, when he offers to, he is branded a traitor. Then there is the issue of his £90 million worth of shares, which the real supporter would, of course, happily donate to the club. Are they sure?

Despite the fact that he knows more Manchester United trivia than half the Stretford End combined. Edwards will for ever have to live with the accusation that he is not a committed fan. He will probably be told it to his face this week in Turin. So it is no surprise to hear that he is increasingly tired of the day-to-day running of the club and may soon relinquish it for a place on the football board only. Then some other poor soul will become chief executive and get it in the neck for making United the most successful club in the country. It is a thankless task, even if it is a well-paid

Auntie is guilty of missing real story

t is the compelling television image of an English spring — the tide of humanity pouring through the Greenwich Park gates to start the London Marathon. This year 31,583 dared and BBC Television cameras in the air and on the ground transmitted the scene, resembling molten lava gently descending a green mountain, to 102 countries around the world.

The beginning lit up a sombre Sunday morning and four hours of live TV immersed us in the curious interdependence of two opposite compulsions. There are four million who watch, as perhaps they view all things that move on the 20-inch screen in their homes, while 30,000 get out and run until they drop. Fascinating.

As the event grows ever larger,

David Coleman and company are taxed to deal with its scope. Yesterday, the impression from the armchair was that they served the integrity of the competitive marathons — four simultaneous races in men's and women's elite and in the wheelchair contests — at the expense of the essence that makes London a unique marathon. The live broadcasts gave us more expertise on the few running for money than on the thousands jogging, walking, staggering to generate cash for charities.

generate cash for charities.

I don't know how I would divide the airtime any differently. Skimp on the real races and Auntie, having lost some of her sporting jewels, would be accused of losing touch with the marathon. Yet the once-a-year story of so many "ordinary" people inspired, and being inspired, by the music of applause from crowds lining the Docklands and the landmarks of London, was thinly spread.

We needed more of Chris Moon, a man without half his limbs after a landmine explosion, defying the odds. We should have seen Spencer Oliver, a former boxer on the run from brain damage, pushing himself in aid of the hospital that saved his life. And, yes, the octogenarians who year by year make marathon perseverance appear child's play. The serious stuff of marathons

The serious stuff of marathons was won by Africans. Joyce Chepchumba, of Kenya, proved again that skeletal women cannot have



ROB HUGHES

TV VIEW

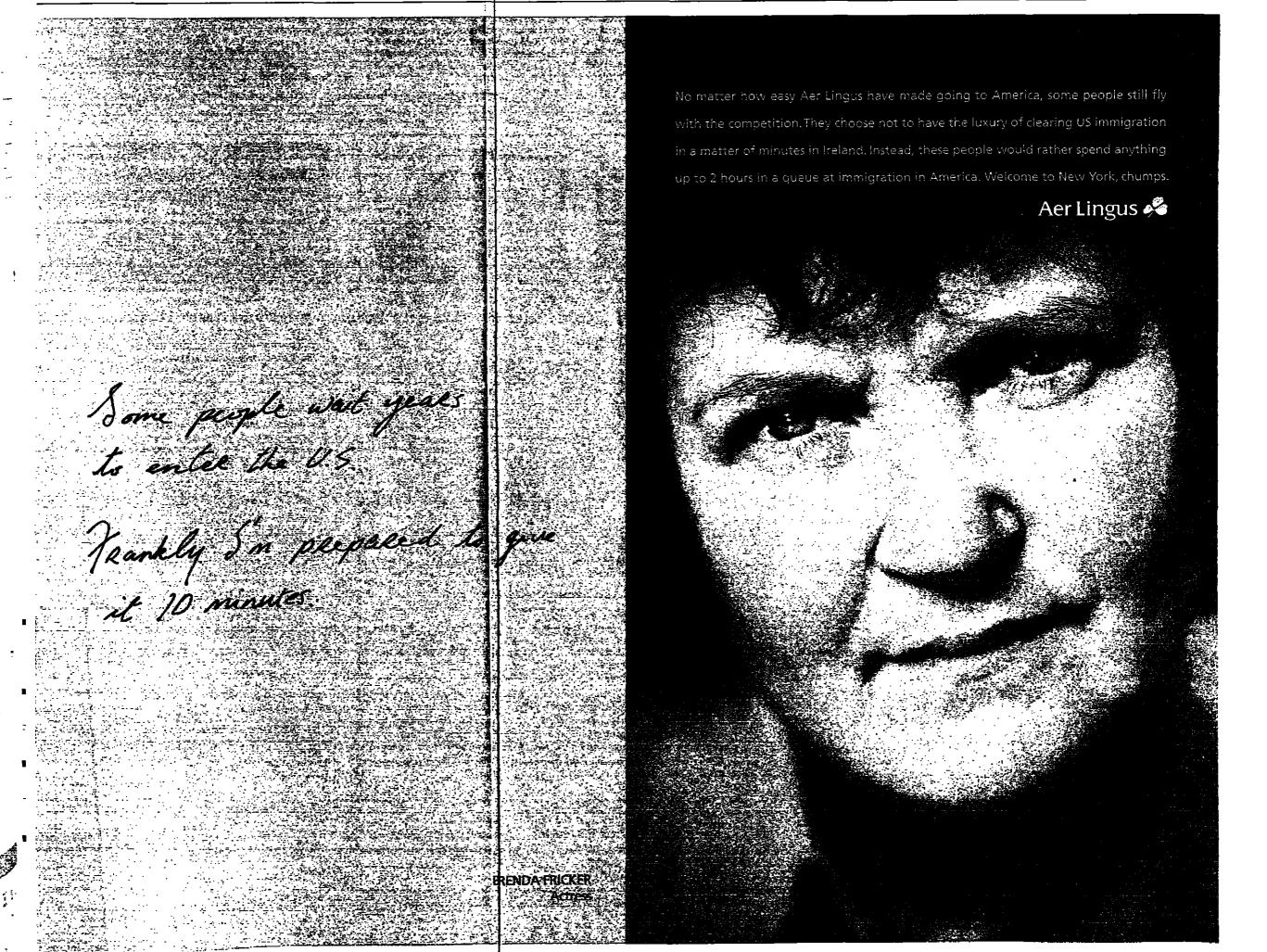
it all their own way; with lovely serenity, with sheer bounce in her legs, she strode clear to a \$125,000 (about £80,000) bonus for shaving the record time to 2hr 23min 22sec. "That's one priceless second inside the time," Coleman breathed. Actually, we knew its precise worth, and the cash-register mind of Liz McColgan, this year commentating not running, instantly summed up: "She can come back and do it again."

ichard Nerurkar, a British runner who sat this one out on the back of a BBC motorbike, made a miscalculation shared by the leading men. who let Abdelkader El Mouaziz, of Morocco, break away after the pacemakers dropped out. "El Mouaziz is committing suicide," Nerurkar said at the 15-mile post when the "Marrakesh Express" strode two minutes ahead. El Mouaziz had a minute to spare when he finished, waving to the crowd, in 2hr 7min 57sec. His timing had surprised commentators

and opponents alike.

Behind him, and behind the thrilling finish in the men's wheelchair event, we glimpsed the first wedding on the marathon course, and the marriage of a £15 million fundraising event by thousands doing what they never imagined they could do.

Right at the start, the doyen Coleman had booked a certain entry in *Private Eye's* Colemanballs column. "One of the biggest problems they face," he said, "is wind."



GOLF

Remesy's past is forgotten

FROM MEL WEBB IN SINTRA, PORTUGAL

forwards, but it was enough. Jean-François Remesy, known to all and sundry as Jeff, is a modest Frenchman who, until the past four days, had plenty to be modest about, but yesterday he earned the right to shout his double-barrelled moniker from on high as he won the Estoril Open at Penha Longa with a round of 68 and a total of 286, two under par. the highest winning score of the season by three shots.

FINAL SCORES

Remesy, 34, has lived his professional life far beyond the other side of the golfing tracks, but the exemption that went with this victory means that, for the next 21/2 years, he can rub shoulders with the good and the great of Europe-

The happy and smiling Remesy, who strode up to take his winner's cheque for £66,650, was a very different

HE TOOK a mere two steps sidering giving up tournament golf. A man can take only so much and this one had had almost enough.

He had just made his twelfth consecutive visit to the Tour qualifying school and had failed to win back his playing privileges on the regular Tour. He could not bear the thought of returning to the rigours of the second-string Challenge Tour and it was only after dipping into his pocket to consult a sports psychologist that he decided to try one more

time. It was money well spent.
Remesy had figured in the upper reaches of the scoreboard until Saturday, when a 77 saw him slip back to a share of eleventh place, four strokes off the lead. It did not matter what he did on this final day: if he was to win, he would need help from those above him and, generously, they came to his assistance. José Rivero, the overnight

leader, had a 77. while the other two players in the final group. Soren Kjeldsen and Sean Corte-Real, 78 and 76 respectively. Mark Mouland had a chance to win, but bogeyed three of the last five noles, Gary Emerson, another contender, shipped three strokes in the final four and Paul Lawrie spoilt his chances by dropping four over the closperson from the one who as re-cently as last winter was con-tatian aid on a grand scale.

LEE WESTWOOD enhanced his reputa-

tion as a play-off expert by winning the

Macau Open at the second extra hole yes-

terday. The Englishman was forced into

sudden death by Andrew Pitts, of the Uni-

ted States, who made a birdie at the 72nd

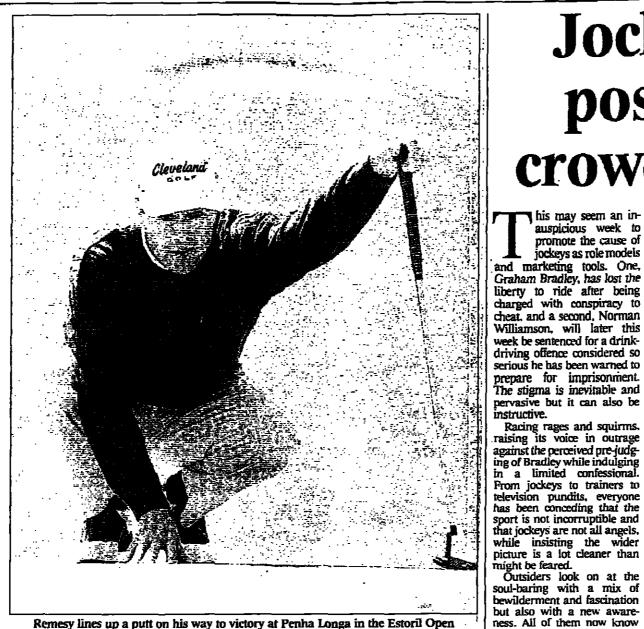
under-par 70, for a nine-under total of 275, and Pitts matched him with a closing

69 before the world No 7 notched his four-

teenth career victory, his sixth in Asia and sixth in seven play-offs. "I do all right in play-offs." Westwood said, "but this

was the hardest to win. He [Pitts] rolled

Westwood had a final round of one-



Remesy lines up a putt on his way to victory at Penha Longa in the Estoril Open

In the end, the main threat came first from David Carter, who moved through the field to record a 67, the lowest round of the tournament, to finish on level par, and then Andrew Coltart, who was playing in the same three-ball as

As the round approached its

from under Remesy's nose, but a calamitous few minutes around the 17th green ended the challenge of the Scotsman. He put his tee shot on the parthree hole into a bunker, found his ball had hardly any sand beneath it and skinned his shot into deep rough on the other side of the green. A chip end. Coltart was the only man left who could whip the title dropped for a double-bogey

five. As the pair entered the last-chance saloon of the 18th hole, Coltart needed a birdie four against a bogey six by Remesy to take the issue into

instead. Coltart missed his birdie putt from 8ft and Reme-

sy made a four from the same distance. Contest over -- and a new life for Remesy, the born-Westwood draws on his extra special reserves

There was no Sorenstam, no Davies and no Nicholas on the ELPGA (Euro-

pean Ladies' Professional Golf Associa-tion) team-sheet for the Weetabix Chal-

lenge Trophy match against Great Brit-ain and Ireland's elite amateur squad at

Carden Park on Saturday — but still the amateurs were beaten 13-5.

fessionals' reputation after an ignomini-

ous defeat last year. The amateurs were

cock-a-hoop after sharing the foursomes

3-3, but then lost all but two of the 12

singles. Jo Head, the ELPGA captain,

had voiced a simple message. "We're 30-

ing to enjoy it and we are going to thrash

The second-string side restored the pro-

would have chosen this way to show his face to the world. Williamson will be an equally reluctant subject if the harsh penalty threatened by Gloucester magistrates is handed down on Wednesday. This is the last sort of publicity that racing needs. The paradox is that it comes at the very time when the sport is waking up to the untapped potential of lifting the helmets from iockeys' heads and giving them star billing.

Outsiders look on at the

what Bradley looks like. He has earned notoriety, quite

possibly undeserved, and with

t has come wide recognition.

He will not welcome it right

now, for despite his sense of

injured innocence he will be

feeling pain and humiliation.

However, the fact is he has

spent 22 years as a jockey, his name familiar and his record

distinguished but his features unknown outside the close

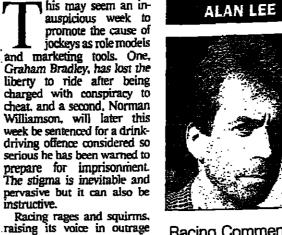
Nobody, least of all Bradley,

confines of National Hunt.

Fifteen years ago, I was instrumental in creating a team of British jump jockeys. It seemed obvious to me that, as this was a rare sport in

crowded market ALAN LEE

Jockeying for position in a



Racing Commentary

which we possessed the best in the world, they should be used as an attraction.

It was a generation rich in talent and charisma, exemplified by John Francome and Jonjo O'Neill, and the team concept gave them an identity. They were feted in America. Australia, New Zealand and Europe. At home, the idea fell flat, convention insisting that the jockeys were faceless subordinates to the matter of

equine supremacy.
Enlightened minds are now looking at this afresh. They are realising that while the primacy of the horse cannot and should not be challenged among those whose back-ground or profession is racing. a new audience will best be captured by the promotion of the participants who can speak and smile.

On Saturday at Sandown Park, Tony McCoy will duel with Frankie Dettori in a onemile challenge race devised as



Bradley: recognition

a curtain-raiser to the year's best card of mixed Flat and jump racing. It is a gimmick, but that does not make it worthless. The Tote is sponsoring the event and the firm's spokesman, Rob Hartnett summed up its attractions. "To many people who look in at racing, the horses are just brown things with four legs. They want to relate to the jockeys and we have some of the best in the world."

The theme is striking chords in the offices of the British Horseracing Board (BHB). whose director of communications, Peter Bell, asks: "How many kids' bedroom walls have posters of Dettori or McCoy, compared to Ryan Giggs? Yet these are some of our greatest sporting characters, the type racing needs to promote. We have got to inno-vate, to take the occasional risk and see how it goes, and the best means of reaching out to a new audience is through the people who ride and train

acing in Britain is at a similar stage to English cricket before it embraced the one-day game. Of course, innovation has to be measured and monitored, for it can all too easily slide off the scale of acceptability, the search for personalities and the instant fix cheapening the product. But the signs are good. The Shergar Cup next

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month, pitting Europe against the Middle East, packages an event attractive to television and all inquisitive sportswatchers. As John Gosden, the trainer, says: "Racing is often accused of being fuddy-duddy. We should not be cynical but give our support to a brave new idea.'

Slowly, racing is reacting to the need to compete for its space in the leisure market. The best thing about British racecourses is that under-los can enter free. Only now are they realising that it is one thing to let teenagers in, but quite another to show them something that will bring them back. The young want their heroes, and they are more inclined to idolise a jock-

in putts all day — I think be only had 21." Westwood: sixth play-off win Darren Clarke incurred a two-stroke COMPANY GOLF DAYS

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penalty for missing his starting time by

three minutes after his alarm failed to

rouse him. The Irishman had a 73 to fin-

some time after a third-round of 67, four under par, in the MCl Classic at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Faldo was

six strokes adrift of Chris Perry, the tour-

nament leader, who moved to 203, ten un-

der par, with a 68 that left him one stroke

ahead of John Huston and Payne Stew-

No I, slipped out of contention, however,

after following rounds of 71 and 67 with a

Colin Montgomerie, the European

art, the leader after the second round.

Nick Faldo is set for his best finish for

ish joint-39th on 290, six over par.

Gallacher takes up corporate challenge

By Mei Webb

OVER the years, The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge has come to occupy an important place in the hearts and minds of business golfers everywhere in the British Isles. From the inception of the competition in 1993, the aim of its title sponsors has always been to enhance the season-long experience that only association with the Challenge can bring to its participants — and now that experience is set to take another giant step forwards.

From this week, space in the Monday edition of The Times, one of the flagship days of the newspaper's sworn task of Getting Under the Skin of Sport. will be regularly devoted to coverage of everything concerning the Challenge. Firms registered with the competition are already assured of their moment of fame in The Times _ now they will be given even more.

Every week in this space there will be details of impending golf



Bernard Gallacher during his Ryder Cup captaincy

days involved with the Challenge and results from the previous seven days, plus regufar editorial updates of some of the more notable feats accomplished by individuals in the

We will be following the trials and tribulations of Challenge entrants and their players and will also feature deeds of derring-do performed in the course of the season. If somebody playing in a Challenge golf day has a hole in one, or produces a remarkable Stableford score, it will appear

Looking over the event as it unfolis will be Bernard Gallather, three times a Ryder Cup captain, who has joined the competition this year as its amba;sådor-at-large. Gallacher will be attending some of the regional finals in October and will also grace the national final at the La Manga Club Resort in November with his presence.

Galacher has hitched his star to the Challenge in the confirmel belief that it has no equal in its sphere. He always was a man of sound judgement - his support of this competition just serves to prove the point.

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RACING: LEOPARDSTOWN CONTEST SHEDS NO FURTHER LIGHT ON 2,000 GUINEAS

Jury still out on classic trials

BY CHRIS McGRATH

A WEEK of muddling classic trials concluded, naturally enough, with the camera required to determine the winner of yesterday's classic audition at Leopardstown. The photograph confirmed that Saffron Waldon had stuck his nose in front of Mus-If in the Icon 2.000 Guineas Trial. Saffron Waldon carries the same colours as last year's

Sagitta 2000 Guineas winner, King Of Kings, and is likewise trained by Aidan O'Brien. With Orpen and Stravinsky also resident at Ballydoyle, however, he will not commit himself to anything until working the trio on Friday. Saffron Waldon scraped

home yesterday, receiving 7lb from Mus-If, but O'Brien appears sanguine about Orpen going to the Guineas without a "prep" and reports Stravinsky to have "got a lot fitter since he was beaten at the Curragh last month". Stravinsky is back down to

8-1 for the Guineas with Ladbrokes after the odds-on defeat of Killer Instinct at Newbury on Saturday. Killer Instinct had been promoted to favouritism thanks merely to his ostentatious work on Newmarket Heath, where Henry Cecil has never stressed young horses off the bridle. Sure enough, on Saturday he could not even win a maiden. To some, his bulk as he strolled sleepily round the paddock spoke of the swollen power of a pogilist: to others, however, it

200 Golden Syrup

3,00 Paradise Lane

500 HIGH TATRA (nap).

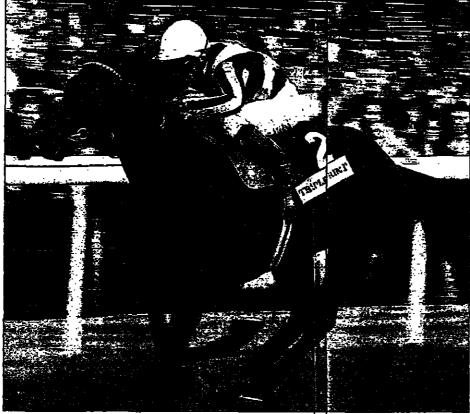
(£3,150; 6f 15yd) (20 runners)

GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

(3Y-0: £2,110: 1m 54yd) (18 runners)

230 AGENT MULDER (nap)



Enrique heads for the 2,000 Guineas after his win in the Tipeprint Stakes at Newbury

foreshadowed his ponderous, rather clumsy response when asked to match the acceleration of Alrassaam.

Like his victim, Alrassaam is a son of Zafonic, but is rather more lithe and purposeful. Michael Jarvis had left him in the Guineas and urged respect for his prospects. Certainly

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

3.30 Ledgendry Line

4.00 Raise A Prince

4.30 Thrower

5.00 High Tatra

NOTINE LANGE

Timekeeper's top rating: 3.00 DANGEROUS DANCER.

2.00 come racing at nottingham selling stakes

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 Polar Ice. 4.00 Secret Style.

17 (16) 30-400 SLIGHTLY DUSTY 14 (V) (D Maloney) P Evans 8-6 A Cultiane 44 18 (18) 0006- TRKOTINO 175 (T Revis) J George 8-6 V Venkeya, 50

BETTING: 11-4 Golden Syrup, 5-1 Needwood Maestro, 7-1 Peth Patas, Sounds Cool, 8-1 Tatolino, 10-1 Mad Toll Researc, 12-1 Singhtly Dusty, 16-1 others.

1998: NO CORRESPONDING RACE.

1998: NO CURRESPONDING SARCE.

A model race in which GOLDEN SYRUP has solid claims.

Formerly with Richard Hamon, she won a seller at Southwell in Jamany and Old well to win a similar contest at Leicester is host effective over this sort of this part dan following. On Candellano (same terms) was also universing on at he end of that Leicester race and was beaten 4½ into sixth. She with be better suited by the axira bely turiongs. Sounds Cool (2nd, beaten 15) and Needwood Wassatro (3nd) were among those put to this sword by Forty Forter in a seller over course and distance leve its mouth. The winner looked more than a plater that day and both should give a good account. Tikotino, sixth of ten to first is Otay at Leicester last October, is dropped in class and is worth a second glance in the market.

(E), 150; 6f 15yd) (20 runners)

20; (18); 308;6 REWARD 6 (Baristan Commercial Components) D Williams 5-10-0 D Stratis — 120; (5); 040-4 BLACK ARMY 21 (8) Riversial J Ensister 4-9-13 — 1 Tata 71; 203; (4); 6-005;2 PLADING 21 (BF-D-F-S) D. Benned) W Musson 6-9-12 — ... K Fatton 69; 205; (16); -00-50 BUTRANTO 34 (D.F.) (Minister) J Prace 5-9-12 — ... R Price 8-26; (20); 35-005 JUWM 4 (D.F.) (D.F.) (Bracley 5-9-10 — ... Claim Bryon (7); 205; (19); 000-00 PRIX STAR 73 (V.S) RM Brace; C Fairburst 4-9-9 — ... L Charmook; 707; (12); 0000-00 GRORG 21 (D.G.) (Ministerior) P Felipiet 4-9-9 — ... L Whyen 79; 209; (7); 210; 211; 2006-4 EASTERN PROPHETS 18 (D.F.S); (6 & 8 Spence) M Bods 6-9-8 Data Grison 30; (11); 2006-4 EASTERN PROPHETS 18 (D.F.S); (6 & 8 Spence) M Dods 6-9-8 Data Grison 30; (11); 2006-4 EASTERN PROPHETS 18 (D.F.S); (6 & 8 Spence) M Dods 6-9-8 Data Grison 30; (11); 2006-4 EASTERN PROPHETS 18 (D.F.S); (6 & 8 Spence) M Dods 6-9-8 Data Grison 30; (11); 2006-4 EASTERN PROPHETS 18 (D.F.S); (6 & 8 Spence) M Dods 6-9-8 Data Grison 30; (11); 2006-4 EASTERN PROPHETS 18 (D.F.S); (6 between 5-9-8 — R Hills: 71; 2006-4 EASTERN PROPHETS 18 (D.F.S); (6 between 5-9-8 — R Hills: 71; 2006-4 (EASTERN PROPHETS); (7 Controller); R Hayles 5-9-8 — R Hills: 71; 2006-4 (EASTERN PROPHETS); (7 Controller); R Hayles 5-9-8 — R Hills: 71; 2006-4 (EASTERN PROPHETS); (7 Controller); R Hayles 5-9-8 — R Hills: 71; 2006-4 (EASTERN PROPHETS); (7 Controller); R Hayles 5-9-8 — R Hills: 71; 2006-4 (EASTERN PROPHETS); (8 Controller); R Hodges 5-9-9 — J Carroll 58; 2007-20 (R) (2007-20); R Hayles 5-9-8 — R Hills: 71; 2007-20; R Hayles 5-9-8 — R Hills: 71; 2007-20

1998: GAY BREEZE 5-8-7 G Carter (12-1) P Felgate 20 ran

Bushing Granader (drawn 14) and Bushinto (in stall 16) enjoy for cling the pace so these drawn middle to high are likely to be at an attendage. EASTERN PROPHETS, drawn 11, is another-horis cometact at Mussehburgh (51), a staying-on fourth to Swynford Drawn after being run off its feel early on, to suggest he would be wanning again soon. He will be sharper for that run and this dra harlong is size to sail. Frederick, larnes fad Pleading (2nd, beater 241). Black run and this dra harlong is size to sail. Frederick, larnes fad Pleading (2nd, beater 241). Black run and this dra harlong is size to sail. Frederick larnes fad Pleading (2nd, beater 241). Black run (2nd), agent Aluder (dead-heated for 5th with Rum Lad), Blushing Brenadier (12th) and George (19th) when winning in decisive taskion over course and distance at the test meeting. The ground was hely on that occasion and it could be that Black Army, lightly raised and having his first run for far mounts, enterges as the pick of the seven under looky's very different conditions. Ryman's Rascal held his form well test assent but lacks a recent run. Zeppo would have a squeak if hally turned-our and looks the pick of the remainder.

3.00 Try race sponsorship at nottingham maiden stakes

BETTING: 6-4 Dalperous Dancer, 9-2 Polar Ice, 5-1 Paradise Lane, 6-1 May 3 Express, 10-1 others.

1998: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

Dangerous Dancer was beaten a total of 24-3 when ronner-up on her first three starts tast year and was highly had on her first three starts tast year and was highly had on her first three starts tast year and was highly had on her first owing (6f). This represents a good opportunity for her to final owing (6f). This represents a good opportunity for her to final owing on. PARAISE LAKE holed an unlucky loser over course and distance at the text meeting away to the control of 184. His when, taxing beenblear a furforg from home, he was worn down close home by the ords on 184. His when, taxing beenblear a furforg from home, he was worn down close home by the ords on 184. His experienced riderhat day is replaced by 6ary Hind and the combination can go one better. Mac's deeperenced riderhat day is replaced by 6ary Hind and the combination can go one better. Mac's deeperenced riderhat day is replaced by 6ary Hind and the combination can go one better. Mac's deeperenced riderhat day is replaced by 6ary Hind and the combination can go one better. Mac's deeperenced riderhat day is replaced by 6ary Hind and the combination can go one better. Mac's deeperenced riderhat day is replaced by 6ary Hind and the combination can go one better. Mac's deeperenced riderhat day is replaced by 6ary Hind and the combination can go one better. Mac's deeperenced riderhat day is replaced by 6ary Hind and the combination can go one better. Mac's deeperenced riderhat day is replaced by 6ary Hind and the combination can go one better. Mac's deeperenced riderhat day is replaced by 6ary Hind and the combination can go one better. Mac's deeperenced riderhat day is replaced by 6ary Hind and the combination can go one better. Mac's deeperenced riderhat day is replaced by 6ary Hind and the combination can go one better. Mac's deeperenced riderhat day is replaced by 6ary Hind and the combination can go one better.

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Alrassaam looks a promising type, but confusion about the more traditional rehearsals is

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(£8,391: 1m 6f 15yd) (18 runners)

no reason for suddenly prefernination to disguise the ring the Burghelere Maiden reenham as the Tripleprint takes: After promising to win Stakes. Killer Instinct now waits for the Irish Guineas, ith authority when leading leaving Cecil to rely on wo furlongs out, however, in Enrique at Newmarket. he end Enrique rather Enrique at least won a recog-

103 (12) 0-0432 6000 TRAES 74 (CD.BF.F.G.S) (No. 1 Robinson) B Hati 9-10-0

3.30 TOTE (SHOWCASE HANDICAPAND TOTE TRIFECTA RACE)

1998: FORGE 5-9-11 N (ay 4-1) P Calver 16 rao

Forgie won the sits it inner to ran

Forgie won the sits it inner out lest year (soit ground), although
his 'lisr-time in record overall is nothing special. Riding
arrangements buggest Legendry Line is presented to Once
three weeks ago after a long absence suggests he (as nother race in him. He's Got Wings, a course
and distance winner, has been in good form on the bill-pather rand on burt, but is passed over in levour
of NORCROFT JDY. She improved significantly three in the second part of last season and opened
titis term with a 22-b vectory over Chief Cashler it velonic (I'm 4). Although she was well benten last
time at Hamilton, on several occasions last year size thanced back from poor runs to win. Generous
Ways has won over this trip on last ground although dean look a bit short of pace, while Dustram was
a distant second on his seasonal debut. Lady Rechail iterates than her two deleats this season suggest
and she could improve for the step up in Irip.

4.00 FURTHER FLIGHT STAKES (2543: 1m 6f 15yd) (7 runners)

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506 (7) 05245- THE FLY 344 (6.5) (Hon Max J Cleft 8 J Harson) B Hils 5-8-7 K Palmon 129
507 (1) 0511-0 ROBON LANE 16 (F,G) (Mr & Ms. Glittleberrook) M Johnston 4-8-0 J Farming 114
BETTING: 13-8 The Try. 4-1 Raise A Phinca, 5-7 Karlam II-2 Roben Lane, 7-1 Marghem, 14-1 others.

1998: FURTHER FLIGHT 12-8-7 M IRS (15-8 lav) 8 Hills 5 ran

HANDICAP (\$2,700: 1m 1/ 213yd) (18 nulers)

ised trial on Saturday, or vould have done but for the ponsor's ill-conceived deter-

winner. CD course and distance winner. BF -chain favourale in most recard race). Going on short horse has won (F - firm, good to firm, Iyd. B - good. S - soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight to be carried. Ridder plus any allowance

crambled home from Exeat.

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Cecil believes he was idling in

front, though that trait was not

evident when he dashed five

lengths clear of Berlioz at

Newmarket last year. His

dam was a sprinter, and an

extra furlong in the Guineas

trast, looks in need of a real

test at the trip. Yet simply by

avoiding the racing public this spring, he now finds himself 4-1 favourite with William Hill, who offers 5-I against Enrique. Auction House, who worked after racing on Saturday and also come training to

day and also goes straight to

the classic, is 8-1. The same

price is even offered by

Ladbrokes against Mujahid, likely to run despite baffling

John Dunlop with his tame display in the Craven Stakes.

The best remaining value

perhaps lies with Compton Ad-

miral and Island Sands, who

have at least enhanced their status this spring but are still available at 12-1 with William

Hill. Compton Admiral won

the Craven over the Guineas

course and distance with his

usual single, sweeping run,

the limits of which remain

unknown, while Island Sands

is being foolishly neglected for

a colt who has evidently

☐ The prospect of fast ground at Sandown on Saturday means that Double Thriller,

whose Martell Grand Nation-

al bid ended at the first fence,

will miss the Whitbread Gold

flourished for Godolphin.

Commander Collins, by con-

may well drain his stamina.

Line buys Struggles **Glory**

By Carl Evans

THE high-class hunter chaser Struggles Glory has been sold to The Winning Line syndicate. In a deal likely to involve a six-figure sum, eight-yearold Struggles Glory will join Venetia Williams later this week subject to a vet's inspection.

He is owned by Sussex farmer, David Robinson, 57. who has ridden him in all his British races, including when beaten by Last Option at Cheltenham last Thursday.

med the promise of a good horse who is seen as a replacement for Teeton Mill, injured in the Gold Cup. The Winning Line has not given up hope that Teeton Mill will return to the track but Struggles Glory gives it another high-profile chaser for next

Stephen Winstanley, head of the Winning Line, said yesterday: "I first noticed the horse a couple of years ago. I was slightly surprised he was beaten at Cheltenham but we would hope he could be made fitter. His owner is a keen amateur but we would expect a top-class professional jockey to get a few pounds of im-

provement" Struggles Glory is likely to follow in Tecton Mill's footsteps and run at Cheltenham's evening hunter chase meeting before attempting to win Stratford's Horse & Hound Cup.

Winning

2.10 mons meg stakes (2-y-0: £3,404: 5f) (15) BARBADOS M Tompistes 9-0 ... S Drowne BEE BGHT D Elsewin 9-0 ... N Pollant (3) BOSSCAT K McAuffle 9-0 ... N Pollant (3) BOSSCAT K McAuffle 9-0 ... P Doc (3) O DENNIS BERGIKAMP 23 M Channor 9-0 ... R Perham (2) 6 EINTE 16 G Lewis 9-0 ... P Doc (3) O DENNIS BERGIKAMP 23 M Channor 9-0 ... R Penham (2) LANIFAL R Harmon 9-0 ... R Hadgins O SAMARRARDO 7 M Internation 9-0 ... T Glata Christian S 9-0 ... A Cochrane O SAMART RIDGE 12 (BF) M Channor 9-0 ... T Quann KINSAME R Charlos 8-9 ... J D Smith (3) MEDINA DE RUSSECO J BENY 8-9 ... J D Smith (3) MEDINA DE RUSSECO J BENY 8-9 ... J G Carler 5 SIAN'S MILL EINSTEIN 16 B Palling 8-9 ... J G Faculton 5 SIAN'S MILL EINSTEIN 16 B Palling 8-9 ... J G Faculton 5 SIAN'S MILL EINSTEIN 16 B Palling 8-9 ... J G Faculton (3) 2 6 Harmon (7) 2 4-1 Medicin De Riosaco Sian's Millientern. 8-1 Kinsale 12-7 pilves

2.40 INVERARY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

3.10 Kiss Me Goodknight 5.10 Ratatula

(Div I: 3-Y-0: £3,337: 1m 67yd) (13)

3.10 mallaig classified stakes (£6,127: 61) (9) 1 (3) 5-20 MISTER RAMBO 12 (8) 1,5 (8) 1,5 (8) 1,5 (9) 1-4 Kansai, 9-2 Sampower Star, 6-1 Miss Fit, Mister Rambo, 8-1 others.

4-3 Trump Street, 11-2 Queen Zenobla, 6-1 Turntable, 7-1 Calole, 8-1 others.

3.40 TRAINERTREND HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,485: 1m 67yd) (13) 1 (2) 30-0 JADE TISER 18 B Meetan 9-7 ______ 6 Harmon (7) 72 (3) 1223 DALMTED 44 (8,D) 6 L Moore 9-7 ____ 5 Sanders 77 3 (8) 68-3 THE WHISTLING TEAL 19 J S-0::bourne 9-5 . T Spraka 74

3.20 LCL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,587: 2m) (13)

HEXHAM

3.20 Eriny 3.50 Spring Bavard

4.20 The Snow Burn

4.50 Lord Sandrovitch

ROB WRIGHT

1.50 lazard asset management novices

HURDLE (Div I: \$2,196: 2m 4i 110yd) (20 runners)

HURDLE (Div I: 52,196: 2m 4i 110yd) (20 runners)

1 3005 UNDEN TOWN 10 (B.G) V Thompson 5-11-6 Mr M Thompson 2 00 ANDTHERRANDYMAN 21 J Glasson 5-11-0 Miss P Robson 3 7000 BALLYMAN BOY 58 F Magnity 6-11-10 ... A Magnite 4 59/5 CASTLE BAY 21 G M 7000 B-11-0 ... C McCorman (3) 6 65RP COOL MINIER 16P (8) J Moor 8-11-0 ... C McCorman (3) 6 65RP COOL MINIER 16P (8) J Moor 8-11-0 ... C McCorman (7) 7 9560 EDSTONE 28 (8) J Corner 7-11-0 ... O McPhall (5) 8 6/P ENIGNA BELL 109 Mar. 5 Harro-Hartes F-11-0 ... S Taylor 9 5602 G MINIERO 62 J Horsen Johnson 5-11-0 ... Mr J Crowley (5) 10 6949 G MWCARK JESTER 14 M Borne; 5-11-0 ... Mr J Crowley (5) 10 6949 G MWCARK JESTER 14 M Borne; 5-11-0 ... S Mistrace (7) 13 55P- STRONG BLADE 524 (8) J Wade 9-11-0 ... S Smith 15 P05 ICEPTRE DANCER 20 (ft) N Moreous 5-11-0 ... B Gentain (3) 17 0-04 LADY FOR PLEASURE 21 W Combington 7-10-9 ... R Guest 6-6 609 KGHASDALE 65 P Resumon 7-10-9 ... B Gentain (5) 19 P0P0 TOOTS 30 (ft B Mascauger) 7-10-8 ... Mr Magniton (5) 19 P0P0 TOOTS 30 (ft B Mascauger) 7-10-8 ... Mr Magniton (5) 19 P0P0 TOOTS 30 (ft B Mascauger) 7-10-8 ... Mr M Naughton (5) 19 P0P0 TOOTS 30 (ft B Mascauger) 7-10-8 ... Mr M Naughton (5) 19 P0P0 TOOTS 30 (ft B Mascauger) 7-10-8 ... Mr M Naughton (5) 19 P0P0 TOOTS 30 (ft B Mascauger) 7-10-8 ... Mr M Naughton (5) 19 P0P0 TOOTS 30 (ft B Mascauger) 7-10-8 ... B Johnson 5-2 Gaindo, 7-2 Union Town, 8-1 IceFar Dancer, Ballymana Boy, 10-1 others.

2.20 LAZARD ASSET MANAGEMENT NOVICES

HURDLE (Div II: £2,176: 2m 4f 110vd) (19)

2.50 FEDERATION CHASE (£3,285: 3m 1f) (20)

1.50 Icefire Dancer

Carl Evans: 3.50 Spring Bavard.

2.20 Windthrop

2.50 Steen

GOING: GOOD

7-2 in Good Faith, 5-1 Teme Valley, 6-1 Claire's Dancer, Briny, 13-2 others.

3.50 FEDERATION BREWERY CHEVY CHASE MAIDEN HUNTERS CHASE (£1,110 3m 1f) (16)

11-4 Chaig Burn, 4-1 Eastlands Ht-Light, 9-2 Dennett Lough, 7-1 others,

4.20 EQUINAGE HORSE FORAGE HANDICAP

CHASE (£3,160; 2m 4f 110vd) (16) 4-1 Heavy Hustler. 9-2 The Snow Burn, 13-2 Kings Minstell, 6-1 others.

4.50 KEOGHANS MAIDEN OPEN NH FLAT (£1,641: 2m) (21)

Z.-JU FEDERATION CHASE (23,285: 3m 18) (20)

1 2P1P CASTLE RED 33 (8.D.S) J Howard Johnson 8-11-7 _A Dobbin 2 014F CHARMANS ADMIRIAL 9F (8.5) Mis A Switchen, 6-11-7 _J Souple 3 P316 HOWYDUDOWG 14 (PD.S) S Retirevel 9-11-7 Mr R Forrisal (5) 4 0156 STEEN 18 (D.G.S) Mr Harmond 7-11-7 _R B Harding 5 6135 WAR WHOLD 186 (6.5) Mrs L Russell 7-11-7 _R Johnson 6 5224 (ENTUCKY GOLD 14 (CD.G.S) Mrs Williamson 10-11-4 S Wymne 7 60/P BREARH OF SCANDAL 16 (5) C Borns 8-11-0 _ B Grattan (3) 8 0-0P GREAT POTENTIAL 52 P Beaumont 7-11-0 _ B Grattan (3) 8 0-0P GREAT POTENTIAL 52 P Beaumont 7-11-0 _ B Grattan (3) 9 0523 PRCH WAY 20 J J D'Mall 7-11-0 _ B Grattan (3) 1000 ABMED'S DREAM 21 (G) J Doom 6-11-0 _ B Sorriy 11 P50 MRVALD 21 J Waste 9-11-0 _ B Sorriy 11 902P RUBON PRINCE 145 N Masta B-11-0 _ H Oliver (5) 13 -0UF MR BRIBNO 34 M Bemes 6-11-0 _ B S Taylor 14 302P RUBON PRINCE 145 N Masta B-11-0 _ H Oliver (5) 15 P54U SIL FOSSO 21 Mrs S Smith 7-10-9 _ S Durack 16 F50P WILLIAM OF ORNANGE 34 J Jetterson 7-11-0 _ S Durack 16 F50P WILLIAM OF ORNANGE 34 J Jetterson 7-11-0 _ R Sorriy 17 P50 SILEMA CREEK 14 (6.5) Wilcs K Milingan 7-10-9 _ R Supple 7-2 Model A-1 Bich Way, Castle Red, 6-1 Charming Admust, 8-1 others. WINDSOK. 3.40 Forty Forte (nb) 4.10 Secret's Out 2.40 Trump Street 4.40 Gallant Glory

2-1 Captain Miller, 5-2 Forty Forte, 8-1 AJ Sacriya, 10-1 Legal Sel, 12-1 other GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH BEST SIS

4.10 GLENCOE STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,831: 1m 2f) (17) 1(17) D-0 BASHER JACK 11 C Allen 9-0 ... J Webster 34
2(10) CORVIND M Kwiss 9-0 ... R Cochrane 3 (3) D DAFA 23 B Curity 9-0 ... P Spencer 4 (16) RUDGE BROWNE C CYCEY 9-0 ... I Control 5
4 (16) RUDGE BROWNE C CYCEY 9-0 ... I Control 6
6 (5) G-5 LAST WARNING 11 E Duntop 9-0 ... G Carter 37
7 (13) 4 MOSITAL CHORD 205 P CINOPID-14-MIP 9-0 ... J FORTION 68
8 (14) 00 - MORTHWING 179 E Wheeler 9-0 ... S Carson (5) 9 (7) 5-2 PRINCE SLAYER 21 B Shart 9-0 ... S Sanders 66
10 (8) G-4 SALDR JACK 173 C 9-0 tolan 9-0 ... P Roblinson 34
11 (11) 222 SECRETE TO DUT 201 (87) S mid 19-0 ... P Roblinson 61
12 (1) 5- SET AND MATCH 175 Mics Melleary 9-0 P Frederick (5) 42
13 (15) TEMPLE WAY R Charticy 9-0 ... P Speake 14 (9) 05- TENOR BELL 164 L Currant 9-0 ... R Primoch 53
15 (12) 00 - TN DRUB 298 H Barroon 9-0 ... Dane O'Nell
16 (5) 165- COCO GIFL 209 I Bodding 8-9 ... Martin Dwyer 178
17 (2) D- KAZCUDU 223 S Doe 8-9 ... Martin Dwyer 178
18 Secrets Out 5-1 High Policy Prince Slaves 8-1 Temple Web 10-1 after. 6-4 Secret's Out, 5-1 High Policy, Prince Slayer, 8-1 Temple Way, 10-1 others

4.40 TOBERMORY HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,808: 1m 3f 135yd) (20)

9-2 Harp Player, 7-1 Surve France, 8-7 Cooling Castle, Gallani Glory, 10-1 others

5.10 INVERARY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div II: 3-Y-O: £3,337: 1in 67vd) (12)

9-4 Aldburgh, 11-4 Balladonia, 11-2 Ratabaa, 6-1 Catnona, 7-1 others.

WINDSOR: Trainers: R Johnson Houghton, 4 winters from 15 numers, 26.7%; J Berry, 3 tom 12, 25.0%; Si M Stoute, 11 from 44, 25.0%; E Dunlop, 3 from 16, 18.8%; J Gosden, 10 from 57, 17.5%; C Britain, 4 toom 24, 15.7%; C Wall, 9 from 65, 13.8%; M Pyan, 7 hom 52, 13.5%; R Hanton, 30 from 224, 13.4%; J Arnold, 3 from 23, 13.0%.

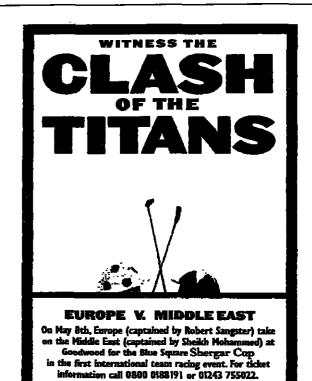
Jockeyes L Dettori, 28 winners from 112 index, 25 0%, Pat Eddery, 33 from 172, 19,2%, Martin Dwyer, 12 from 90, 13 3%; T Quinn, 18 arom 135, 13,3%; M Roberts, 9 from 71, 12,7%, R Co-chiane, 10 from 95, 10 5%

COURSE SPECIALISTS

HEXHAM: Trainers: J J Qu'nn, 7 waners from 18 rumers, 38,9%; S Kettleweit, 3 irom 10, 30,0%; G M Moore, 19 irom 81, 23,5%; L Lungo. 22 irom 97, 22,7%; T Tais, 4 irom 21, 19,0%; J RicGeratd, 3 irom 18, 16,7%; S Bell, 3 irom 20, 15,0%. Mics L Russell, 7 irom 48, 14 6%; W McKeown, 4 irom 30, 13,3%; P Beaumont, 7 irom 53, 13,2%; M Hammond, 12 irom 91, 13,2%.

Jockeyse N Hamily, 4 witners from 18 ides. 22.2%; L Wyer, 10 from 45, 22.2%; A Dobbin, 16 from 73, 21.9%; N Horrocks, 5 from 25, 20.0%; P Niem, 14 born 76, 18.4%; R Johnson, 4 from 23, 17.4%; R Guest, 10 from 74, 13.5%.

MEETING POLIVES THE TIMES GUIDE TO THE GOING TODAY THE TIMES GUIDE TO THE GOING TODAY HEXHAM Jumps, 7-race card (a) 1st race: tandard Hard Firm 1.50 Winning favourites: Soft Heavy 253 miles



8/1 with Coral and Ladbrokes

favourites 36.8% Long-distance traveller: Gold Times (3.50). MOTTINGHAM Flat, 7-race card 2.00 Winning 32.9% Long-distance travellers: Zeppo (2.30), Paradise Lane (3.00); Lord Rochester (5.00), 204 miles WINDSOR Flat, 7-race card 1st race: 2.10 10 Winning EARLY BIRD Best value this morning Long-distance travellers: Medina De Rioseco Generous (2.10), Karisal (3.10), 232 miles Ways (3.50 Nottingham)

See racecards for detailed going

THE FLY had disappointing time last year, falling to record one victory it flows side of that, at least in terms of this race, is that the year in recording weight from two of his mare dangerous rivals. Kalitan and Murpham. Green-title this as man performer on his day (this din the 1997 St.e.ger), he looks atmostively treated for his sectoral debut, Kalitan, Marthern and Secret Style are of useful stayers but tempered by a lack of acceptation, even at this trip. Rather A Prince are predicable fel second to Samano at Haydock 16 daies to but that was a maddling race and he could be flattered by the form. He still makes more appead to Robin Lane, tailed off on his seasonal debut. 4.30 RACECOURSE FOR BUSINES AND PLEASURE LADY RIDERS

5.00 275 DAYS LEFT IN THE MILLENIUM CLASSIFIED STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,734: 1m 1f 213yd) (8 runners) 1996 RIBBLESOALE 8-8 K Failors -1 (ex) J Durlop 7 ran
HBGH TATRA n each first winning run. He steps back to
the priorn his relatest starts (1m 4/t) but is in such good heart
he cannot be after any opposed. Lemmox was well beaten at
elementing to translate all-resider form to but. Tous L Jours had some usful form over sprint trips
last term and, being by the speedy Daylur, is not pushied to be hepted this near ten functions. A
greater danger could be Stramet, who turned in its best front test year at Salisbury on firm ground (7),
sent off odds on. 34 Second to Shoogle) but later disspointing on much softer going.

COURSE SPECALISTS Wins Rnvs 32 183 14 82 3 18 11 71 19 124 TRAINERS Wens Rors % 17.5 17.1 16.7 15.5 15.3 6 22 10 41 7 35 4 22 20 130 B Miliman M Prescrit E Duntop Lady Herries J Duntop BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Heidnam: 1 50 Collainer, Strong Blade 3.20 Coral Island, Marzard 3.50 Border Glory 4.20 Mr. Fudge: 4.50 Remedia: Equipment: Notificipham: 2.00 Jampel, 3.50 Border Glory 4.20 Mr. Fudge: 4.50 Remedia: Remedia: Notificipham: 2.00 Jampel, 3.50 Border Glory First.

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NFL EUROPE: Saturday: Frankfurt 21 Bei Im 20, Barcelona 28 Amslardam 16

AUSTRALIAN RULES NATIONAL LEAGUE: Saturday: Brisbane 17.13 (115) bt Adelade 86 (54): Carton 19.7 (121) bt Fremantle 14.8 (92); Richmond 22.14 (146) bt Collinowood 14.12 (95) St Kida 16.11 (107) bt Western Bulldogs 15.9 (99); Sydney 10.12 (72) bt Pangacos 10.10 (70) Vesterday: Geelong 17.13 (115) bt Port Adelade 10.14 (74); West Coast 15.7 (97) bt Essendon 3.5 (23).

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Boston 2
Tampa Bay 6, Detroil 8 New York Trankees
1, Toronto 7 Baltimore 6: Karsas Cny 7 Chcago White Son 2, Anahamia Saattle 5, Ostcago White Son 2, Anahamia Saattle 5, Ostcago White Son 2, Anahamia Saattle 5, Ostday Cheveland 5 Minnesota 11; (Intra gama)
5 Cleveland 5 Minnesota 13; (Intrins, second game), Detroit 3 New York Yankees 1, Checago White Sox 6 Fansas Chy 5, Cakand
11 Yeas 3, Toronto 7 Baltimore 4, Anahamia 3 Saattle 4 (10mis)
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Nilwaukee 4
Chicago Cubs 9, Candiniati 6 Philisburgh 5.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday Milvaulve 4 Chicego Cube 9. Concinnati 6 Pitisburgh 5. Philadelphia 17 Florida 3, New York Mets 4 Monneal 6. Houston 3 St Lours 5. Anzona 10 San Francasco 4 San Diego 3 Los Ange-les 0. Postpornect Colorado v Adanta. Sel-unday: Concinnati 6 Persburgh 7. (100na). New York Mets 3 Montreal 2, Milwaulves 5. Chicago Cubs 4, Colorado 5 Alfanta 4, Arzo-na 5 San Francisco 8, Philadelphia 2 Funda 1, Houston 5 St Lours 8, San Diego 3 Los An-géles 7.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER PLAY-OFF CHAMPION-SHIP: Quarter-finals, third leg: London Towers 87 Newcastle Eagles 68 (London Towers was series; 2-1), Manchester Gante 90 Berningham Butters 77 (Manchester Glober ven penes 2-1) Grants wan senes 2-11

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NBL): Play-off
semi-firms tilvesione Plymouth
93 Guutiond 75. Solemi 92 Teesde 113
Women: First tilvesione: Svoilteid 97 Noting-hare 54 Phonoda 53 Thames Valley 65 ham 54 Rhonoda 53 Thames Valley 65
MATIONAL ASSOCIATION (MBsa): Priday:
Toronto 30 Claveland 91 (01), Washington
87 Chragor 70, Vallanto 91 Ohambo 79: Boston 82 Marin 81, Defror 80 New York 77, Minnesota 89 Vanouvier 75: Philadelphia 93 indina 83, Minvaluee 94 Charlotine 96, San Antono 81 Phoenin 92: Portland 80 Dalka 85
Golden State 83 Los Angele: Calpers 86:
Scattle 91 New Jersey 121 Saturday: Cleveland 82 Charlotine 90; New York 90 Toront
93 Daltas 94 Portland 102: Urah 100 Los Angeles Laivers 93 Sacramento 119 Derwer 97

TODAY

FOOTBALL

Hednesloid v Stevenage (7.45)

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley v Chorley Hyde v Leigh RMI First di-vision: Ashton United v Gretna

RYMAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Da-gennam and Redondge v Gravesend

gennam and Redondge v Gravesend DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Midland divi-

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Assend v Ipswich (3 0), Chel-sea v Crystal Palace (7 0)

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Evenon v Notingham Forest (7 0), Stoke v Blackburn (7 0) First division; Oldham v West Bromwich (7 0) Second division:

Shetfield Uld v Bradlord (70). **Third divi-**s**ion:** Cariste v Scamborpe (20)

SCHWEPPES ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE:

ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTH LEAGUE: First division: Newcastle Blue Star v Pen-

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First divi

sion: Toton v Lymagron and New Milfor. UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: S and L Cor-

CRICKET

11 0, first day of four, 104 overs minimum

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

UEFA CUP: Semi-finals, second leg: Bologna (0) y Marseiles (0), Parma (3) y Atleti-

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Charlon v

Totenham (7.45).

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Burningham v Queers Park Rangers (7.45). Gornsby v Shelfield Ulid (7.45). Ipswich v Stockport (7.45). Norwich v Bolton (7.45). Port Vale v Walterd (7.45). Second division: Chesterfield v Bristol Rovers (7.45). Northempton v Wagn (7.45). Northempton v Walson (7.45). Vicedam v Gillingham, York v Blackpool (7.45). Third division: Darkryton v Evelor (7.45). Halda v Scornhorpe (7.45). Shrewsbury v Rotherham (7.45).

NATIONWIDE CONFERIENCE: Chelten-

NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Chetten-ham v Forest Green (7.45); Lesk v Weiling (7.45); Rushden and Diamonds v Kingston-

THE TIMES FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final,

BANK OF SCOTLAND SCOTTISH PRE-MIER LEAGUE: Dundee Utd v St John-

CRICKET

PPP COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (four days) Derby: Derbyshire v Glamorgan, Leicester: Leicestershire v Northigham-shire Lord's: Modifeser v Lanzahre Wordester: Wordestershire v Surrey

RUGBY UNION

ANGLO-WELSH CLUB MATCH: Swan-

RUGBY LEAGUE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE:

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL. FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Liverpool

EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-finals, second-

PPP county chamoionship

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v

by s Spalding

ottenham (7 45).

Fuck-off 7:30 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership Arsenal v Wimbledon (8 0)

Nationwide Conterence

BOWLS

MELTON MOWBRAY: Men's All-Eng MELTON MOWERAY: Men's All-England championships: Singles: Semi-finale: Sixelion (Southtoppe) bit R Newmen (Whitelenghts) 21-17; M Pulling (Granthem) bit S Thomas (Lecesier) 21-9 Final: Pulling bit Section 21-18 Devide Commellium bit S Thomas (Lecesier) 21-8 Final: Pulling bit Section 21-18 Devide Commellium bit Scholen Final: Sunderand bit Ade 38-31 Over-80 Internals: Leicoster bit Selby 45-23 (Pinis scores Leoester shots first Naums bit Filmer 23-8, D Clark bit E Howeroft 22-16); Cention, Enderby bit Noturopharm 48-34 (Rink scores, Cartion slops first O Smedley lost to D Lee 18-20; AA Clark bit A O Ward 30-14) Final: Leoester slops first Burns bit Smedley 22-10. Clark lost lo Carks 17-24 [Index-25 Inter-county double rinks F-Under-25 Inter-county double rink: Fi-nal: Suffoli of Kertl 40-38 (Rink scores: Suf-tolk slope first: A Brown lost to P Springale 12-28, M Royal of J Dunn 28-12)

BOXING

INDIO, California: International Boxing Federation lightweight championship: S Mosley (US, holder) bi J Brown (US) roc AS VEGAS: International Boxing Fed eration featherweight championship: I Medina (Mex. holder) bt V Polo (Col) tk

9th COPENHAGEN: Europeen junior-light-weight chemptonship: T Damgaard (Den, holder) of K Rahilou (Fr) for 4th. Heav-yweight B Nielsen (Den) bt T Witherspoon (US) to 4th

CRICKET

One-day internationals West Indies v Australia PORT OF SPAIN (Australia won toss) West Indies beat Australia by live wickets

AUSTRALIA M E Waugh run out
† A C Glichnist c Ambrose b Peny
S Lee flow b Peny
D R Martyn run out R Martyn run out
S Lehmann o Hooper b Simmons
R Waugh b Simmons
G Bevan not out
M Moodly b Perry
k Wane not out.
dras (6 3, w 6, nb 2)

Total (7 wkts, 50 overs).

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second divi-sion: Fulhern v Milwali (7 45) Third divi-sion: Scencorugh v Leyton Orient (7 30), 5xansea v Cambridge Utd (7 45)

THE TIMES FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final.

CRICKET

PPP COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (lour days) Southempton: Hampsine v Kent. Hove: Sussex v Northampionshire Headingley: Yorkshire v Gourcesteshire UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days) Fenner's: Cambridge University v Essex

RUGBY UNION

ALLIED DUNBAR PREMIERSHIP: First division: Newcastle v Richmond (7.30), West Hartlepool v Harlequins (7.30)

ANGLO-WELSH CLUB MATCH: Cardil v

NORTHERN FORD PREMIERSHIP: Old-

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: First division: Featherstone Lions v Dudley Hill (7:30)

THURSDAY

FOOTBALL

CUP WINNERS' CUP: Semi-finals, sec-ond leg: Lapo (1) v Lokomotiv Moscow (1)-Real Mallorga (1) v Chelsea (1) (8 0)

MATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Cheljen-ham v Yeoval (7 45) Forest Green v More-cambe (7 45)

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Scotlish women's strokeplay (at

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Bury v Bolton (7 45)

RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford v Halifax

OTHER SPORT

MOTOR RACING: British superbike cham-pionship (at Outlon Park),

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CARILING PREMIERSHIP: Asion VIII.a v Nottingham Forest: Blackburn v Liverpool, Detty v Southampton. Everton v Cherito-Lecaster v Covertry, Modlesbrough v Arsenal. Tottenham v West Ham: Wimbledon v Newscattle.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division

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NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Barrow v Wolving Famborrough v Nednesloud, Hayes v Chelterham, Hereford v Rushden and Dis-monds, Kingstonian v Forest Green, North-wich v Yeovi, Southport v Leek Stevenage v koldermister. Telorit v Doncaster, Well-ing v Morecambe

BANK OF SCOTLAND SCOTTISH PRE-MIER LEAGUE: Dundee v Kilmarhock, Dunlerming v Dundee Utid; Motherwell v Hearls, Rangers v Aberdeen, St Johnstone v Celuc

Krck-off 3.0

rsione (7 45)

S C Williams low b Flering S L Campbell b Lehmann J C Adams b Flering. C L Hooper b Flering. B C Lara not out. P V Simmons run out. P L T Amburton not out. Editas (b 1, w 9). Total (5 wickets, 49 overs).

† R.D. Jacobs, H.R.Bryan, N.O.Perty and C.E. L. Ambrosa did not bel FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-124, 3-194, 4-225, 5-236 BOWLING. McGrath 1-0-1-0; Fleming 10-1-49-3, Moody 8-1-32-0; Martyn 3-0-16-0, Warne 9-0-59-0, Lee 7-0-39-0, M E Waugh 7-0-30-0. Lehman Umpres SA Bucknor and B Morgan. PORT OF SPAIN (Australia won toss) West Indies need 190 runs to beat Australia

A C Gilchrist Ibw b Walsh.

M Moody b Dillon BP Julian c Jacobs & Dillon . S F Warne run out. Total (9 wids, 50 overs) 188
FALL OF WICKETS 1-39, 2-49, 3-68, 4-78, 5-81, 6-93, 7-103, 8-104, 9-181

BOWLING Ambrose 10-1-39-1; Walsh 10-0-37-2, Simmons 4-3-0-27-0; Dillon 10-5-20-4, Hooper 10-0-29-0, Peny 5-3-0-35-0 530-250 WEST INDRES: "B C Lara, S C Williams, S L Campbell, J C Adams, C L Hooper, P V Sim-mons, † R D Jacobs, N O Peny, M Dillon, C E L Ambrose, C A Walsh. Umpires, S.A.Buckner and B.Morgan

CYCLING Road races

ZARAGOZA, Spain: Tour of Aragon: Final stage (88 7 miles) 1, M Wust (Ger, Festina) 3hr 28min 23sec, 2, E Zabet (Ger, Televini): 3, J Huril (GB, Barresto): 4, G Matteo Fagnin (ff. Saeco), 5, M Santroma (Sp, Fuenlabrada), 6, J Dean (NZ, List Postal) all at labitada), 6, J Dean (NZ, US Postál) all at same lime Leading final positions: 1, J C Dominguez (Sp. Vigalcio) 20h; 42min 41sec, 2, J M Jirnánez (Sp. Banasso) at sac, 3, L Pedpoli (II, Banesso) 6. LIEGE WORLD CUP CLASSIC: Fourth stoge (564m) 1. F vandenbrouce (Bel) 6hr 25min 23sec, 2, M Boogerd (Neth) at 27sec, 3, M den Bakker (Neth) 38, 4, M Batoli (II) 41, 5, P Bettin (II) 48, 6, N Aepersold (Switz) same time Leading World Cup

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Ayr v Felloti Clydebank v Andrie: Hamilton v Rath. Hiberman v Greenoch Morton. Si Mir-ren v Stramaer. Second division: Easi File v Arbroath. Forfar v Alioa, Inventess CT v Pancia: Cheen of Scrietin v Corte: String v

Panck; Queen of South v Cycle; String v Lyingston Third division: Altron v Ben-trose v Ross County, Queen's Park v Bre-chin, Sternhousemur v Durnbarton

CRICKET

CGU NATIONAL LEAGUE (one day) First division: Taunton: Somersei Sabres

RUGBY UNION

ALLISO DUNBAR PREMIERSHIP: First division: Bath v West Hamepool (3 0), Bed-lord v Northampton (3 0). Sale v Leacester (3 0). Second division: Blackheath v Rugby (3 0), Bristo V Easter (3 0), Covertiy Worcester (3 0). One

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Royal Navy v The Army (at Twickenham, 30)

WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Aberti-tery v Pontypool. Broymaen v South Wales. Police, Cruss Keys v LWIC, Measteg v Lan-dovery. Merthyr v Rumney. Newtondge v Durvant; Tondu v Bladowood, Treochy v Tredegar

Tredegar
TENNENT'S VELVET CUP: Final: Gala v
Kelso (al Murrayfield, 3.0).
AIB LEAGUE: Second division: Batlynahinch v Dolphn, Denry v Wanderers; Maione v
Old Crescent. Portadown v Greystones;
UCC v Dungannon

RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB SUPER LEAGUE: London v War-

HOCKEY

EHA WOMEN'S CUP: Semi-finals (at NHC, Miton keynes, 20) Slough v Chelmsford Highway (20), Fyttes Leicester v Otton Terraquest (4.0)

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: Planet Ice, Peterborough: Brit-tsh super-bentamweight title: P Mulings (holder, Harrow) v D Docherty (Glasgow)

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Leeds v Manchaster Utd (11 30), Sheffield Wednes-day v Chelsea (4 0)

BANK OF SCOTLAND SCOTTISH PRE-MIER LEAGUE: Rangers v Aberdeen

CGU NATIONAL LEAGUE (one day)
First division: Chelmsford: Essex Eagles
v Lancashire Lightning Southampford:
Hampsfree Hawks V Kert Spiffires. Edgbaston: Warwickshire Bears v Worcestershire
Royals. Hendlingley: Yorkshire Phoenir v
Gloucestershire Gladatons Second divislori: Lord's: Middlesex Crusaders v Glamorgan The Oval: Surrey Lons v
Northamptonshire Steelbacks Hower Susser Sharks v Derbyshire Scorpions

RUGBY UNION

ALLIED DUNBAR PREMERSHIP: First division: Newcastie v Gloudester (3.0), Richmond v Wasse (3.0), Saracens v Harte-guns (2.15) Second division: London Welsh v Leeds (3.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB SUPER LEAGUE: Galeshead v Sal-ford: Huddersfield v Leads, Hull v St Hetens (3 15), Shetheld v Wakefield (6.38), Wigan v Castilated

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NORTHERN FORD PREMIERSHIP; Barley v Barrow, Doncaster v Whitehaven, Hull
KR v Featherstore, Hurislet v Rochdale
(3 30), Keighley v Lancashire Lyro, Oldham
v York, Swinton v Leigh, Workungton v
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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First divisi Wolverhampton v West Bromwich (1.0).

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Kick-off 2.30 unless stated

FOR THE RECORD positions: 1, Vandenbroucke 198pts, 2, A Ismā (Bel) 152; 3, P van Petegem (Bel) 129

LANCASTER HERTFORD GRAND PRIX (Welwyn Garden City, 104 miles) 1, J Ten-ner (Pro Vision-Planel X) 3hr 54min 1990; 2, A Lyons (unatt) same time. 3, M Stephen (Hemods RT) at 3sec. (nancis ni) a 3.560.

FOUR DALES (Guisborough, North York-shire, 55 miles). 1. C. Newton (Linda McCan-ney Foods) 2 18:00; 2, M Mass (Cottingham Courseurs) at 1:30; 3. I Heliswell (Middindge COT), companyor

CONTINUE TOUR OF LANCASHRE (Longridge, TS miles) 1, M Salar (BCF Marses) 1, M (Eco Mussour) same time.

SURREY LEAGUE (Withyham, East Sussex, 62 miles): 1, P Kench (Liphook Cycles RI) 22125; 2, D Crow (Twickenham CC); 3, J libbotson (Team Men's Health) both same

Time trials

BATH ROAD CLUB HILLY (Eractiletd, Bert-shire, 50 miles): 1, E Deane (Bournemouth Jubiles Wheelers) 20256; 2, M Cox (Soto-na CC) 20302; 3, C Brich (VC St Raphaet) 20529 Tearer: Hoursdow and District Wheelers 7:17:57 vincestra (*1757) ICKNIELD RC (Tempsford, Bedfordshre, 25 miles): 1, M Huschinson (Cambridge Uni-versity CC) 50:56; 2, L Wright (Sigma Sport R1) \$2:27, 3, S Lemanski (Cambridge Uni-versity CC) 53:28. Team; Icknied RC 253:35

EUTE CC (Bulphen, Esseu, 25 miles), 1, M Hutchtrson (Cambridge University CC) 52 18, 2, R laws (Birkenhead Victoria CC) 54 04, 3, R keeble (34 Nomads CC) 55 01. **EQUESTRIANISM**

LINCOLNSHIRE: Pedigree Chum Belton horse trials: Measter Casas; 1, Firnstone (R Powell) 40, 2, Ready Feddy (B Tarl, NZ 41, 3, Gildemsten (D Moore) 47, Advanced section K: 1, Welton Erwoy (B Tarl, NZ) 47; 2, Mati Butler (L Law) 48, 3, Riye Lane (N Taylor) 52, Advanced section L: 1, Enzed (P O'Bran) 47; 2, Walk On Top (P Furnell) 48, 3, Chesterfield (B Tat) 50, Section M: 1, Weltomid Stream (B Overesch-Boles; Ger) 39; 2, Rainbow Mago (P Funnell) 42, 3, Hoorey Henry (C Ryan-Bell) 44, 4, Word For Word (M Todd) 44

MACAU OPEN: Leading final acores: 275: L Westwood (CB) 65, 69, 70, 70 (Westwood won at second play-off hole); A Pits (US) 67, 71, 88, 89, 277; J Kingston (SA) 71, 70, 69, 67, S Onde Llapan) 70, 69, 68, 70, 278; Zheny Llaman (Christ) 58, 72, 85, 71, B Ruanglat (Thai) 71, 68, 70, 72; Hasch Charles (Grawan) 68, 69, 69, 73, Nang Wooksoon (S Korf 66, 89, 71, 73 Other acores: 290; D Clarke (G6) 72, 70, 75, 73.

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MILTON HEAD, South Carollina: MCI Classic: Landers after three rounds (Uniter States unless stated) 203: C Perty 69, 91, 68, 204: J Huslon 68, 67, 69; P Stewart 61, 64, 72, 203: L Juncen 67, 70, 69, 204: D Frot (SAI 72, 70, 64; S Gutter 72, 69, 65; N Heriet 71, 70, 65, J Kelly 71, 69, 67, 78; N Heriet 72, 66, 207: J Cook 66, 67, 74; S Hoch 66, 77, 71, M Huster 68, 69, 70; L Mass 67, 70, 70; Pavor 70, 69, 89; J Suman 72, 67, 69; Sjoiland (Swel 71, 71, 68, Others scores: 20t. N Factor (SBI) 71, 67, 78. C Mortigomer (SBI) 71, 67, 78.

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Morgan 1 hole, Munt bt Brown 2 and 1) HOCKEY

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MOTORCYCLING

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SILVERSTONE: Auto Trader British Touring Car chemptonehip: Third round 15 laps, 3d,2 mies.) 1. L Aelo (Fr. Nasan Primera) 16 159se; 2 D Leshe (GB. Nasan Primera) 16 75se; 3 H Ryclef (Sec. Volvo S40) 8 164. 4, M Neel (GB. Nasan Primera) 8 474. 5, J Thompson (GB. Honda Accord) 9 622. 6, J Pato 168. Benault Lagunal 16 244. Fourth round (30 laps, 66 14 mies) 1, Pato 4354 811; 2 Y Mufer (Fr. Vazinal) Vectra) 5 425. 3, J C Boulton (Fr. Reseut Laguna) 9 233. 4, Thompson 13 282. 5, P Kin. (NZ. Honda Accord) 15.134. 6, L Aelo (Fr. Nissan Primera) 25 043. Leading championship positions: 1 Thompson 43pts, 2, Plato 41, 3, Nacil 31. 4, Lesse 25, 5, Aelo 21, 6, equal, Multer and Boulton 18

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REAL TENNIS

HOLYPORT: Harvey Joseph Women's British Open (Great Britan unless stated) Quarter-finale: P Lumley bi J Lopnovit (US) 6-0; 6-0; C Commells: bi S Jones 6-1; 4-6; 6-1; K Learning (ALS) bi K Allen 6-0; 6-0; A Garsade bi F Deuchar (ALS) 6-4; 6-1 Semi-finales: Lumley bi Commella: 6-4; 6-3. Learning bi Garsade 1-6; 6-5. 6-5 Final: Lumley bi Learning 6-4; 6-3.

SAILING

CLIPPER ROUND-THE-WORLD RACE: Overall positions (after leg 4a) 1. Arel 11 5pts. 2. Chrysothe 33.5 3. Amizope 36, 4. Mermerus, 41; 5. Thermopylae 45.5, 6. Taeping 45.5, 7. Senca 48. HYERES, France: Chymple Classes Regettia (effer first one) Solling (effer 1 race). 1. A Acte, M Ferneria and D Gouto (Ex) 10; 2. A Beadoworth, R Sydenham and B Parkin (GB) 2. 3. H Walten, J Barne and M Auguston (Swe) 3. Finn latter 1 race): 1. N Kussienwicz (Pol) 1.2. M van Muyden (Meth) 2. 3. F Loof (Swe) 3. 470 women (after 1 race): 1. S Rees Jones and L Leesk (GB) 1. 2. Land A Certison (Swe) 2. 3. J Dants and A Bucek (Aust 3 Mistrat women (after 2 races). 1. F Merret (Fr) 4. 2. A Sensin (ft) 5. 3. C Johnstone (GB) 11 CLIPPER ROUND-THE-WORLD RACE:

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MOTOR SPORT

SNOOKER

THE CRUCIBLE, Sheffield: Embass THE CRUCISLE, Streement Embasses world championship: Finat round: J Higgins (Sod) bt G Greene (Eng) 10-2. N Bond (Eng) bt D Oale (Walks) 10-6. T Oand (Malas) bt F O'Bnen (ke) 10-4. C Smell (Sod) bt A Hamilton (Eng) 10-9 Labest politics: J Parrott (Eng) leads 7 Murphy (N Ire: 6-3.

SQUASH

HURGHADA, Egypt: WISPA World Grand Prix finals: Tried qualitying round: Group A: C Owers (Aus.) of Midar-in (Aus.) 9-3, 8-10, 9-4, 9-6; L Joyce (NZ) bt S Hornar (Eng) 9-6, 7-9, 9-1, 9-5, Group B; N Grainger (SA) bt S Schöne (Ger) 10-9, 9-5, 9-0, C Jackman (Eng) wo S Fiz-Gerald Aus.) IAUS PLANS BSPA Grand Prix: Men: Semi-finals: P Lord (Cheshre) bt S Handley (Oxon) 15-13, 15-11, 13-15, 15-11: S Meads, (Berks) bt D Campon (Yorks) 15-11, 15-9, 15-11 Women: Final: R Macroe (Essex) bt

umoni (Yorks) 9-4, 9-5, 9-1 **TENNIS**

BARCELONA OPEN: Semi-finals: F Mentila (Sp) bi F Clavel (Sp) 6-3, 6-2 k BARCELONA OPEN: Semi-minas: Mentila Sp) bit F Cavet Sp) 6-3, 6-2 k. Alam (Mor) bit I Martin (US) 6-3, 6-2 k. Alam (Mor) bit I Martin (US) 6-3, 6-4 Finat: Martilla bit Alam 7-6, 6-3, 6-3. TOKYO: Japan Open: Men: Semi-finatis: W Ferreira (SA) bit T Johansson (Swe) 4-6, 6-1, 6-4. Finat: Kiefer bit Ferreira 7-6, 7-5. Women: Semi-finatis: A Frazier (US) bit C Morariu (US) 6-4, 5-7, 6-3; A Sugnyama (Japan) bit J Chu (US) 7-6, 6-3. Finat: Frazier bit Sugnyama 6-2, 6-2. FEDERATION CIP: World group bee: First round: Switzerland 3 Slovakia (1) in Zunch): United States 2 Croatia 0 (in Mortin Carolina), Italy 1 Spain 1 (in Reggio Calabna); Russia 3 France 2 (in Moscow) World group time: First rounds Belarus 1 Czech Republic 4 (in Minski; Austina 3 Australia 2 (in Klapeniuru); The Neitherlands 0 Belgium 5 (in Den Bosch)

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RUGBY LEAGUE

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40 London Wakafield Walkefield: Tries: Hughes 3, Kenward, Mc-Donald, Poching, Stolt. Goals: Hughes 6 London: Try: Tollett. Goals: Tollett 2 Att: 14 Bradford

Warrington: Tries: Forster, Penny Goals: Briers 3. Bradford: Tries: Boyle, Naylor, Spruce, Withers Goals: H Paul 3. Alt: 7.591.

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Barrow: Tries: Allorson, Barcherd, Holl, Phodes Goals: Holf 4 Dropped goals: Hot! Workington: Tries: Close. Fisher Goals: Close 2. Att: 1.566. 42 Do Dewsbury: Tries: Flynn 2, Ball, Eaton, God-frey, Long, O'Mera, Spink, Goals: Eaton 5 Doncaster: Goal: Creasser Dropped goal: Maher Att: 1.038 Featherstone 16 Batley

Featherstone: Tries: Nawiove, Puuta, Stokes Goals: Dickens 2 Battley: Tries: Bargate Barnett Goals: Price 3 Dropped goal: Dyson. Att. 1,832 38 Whitehaven Hunslet: Tries: Walker 2. Baker. Fatnowna, Plange Goals: Fletcher 8. Whitehaven: Tries: Fraser. Seeds, Wilson. Goals: Kutchrnes: Fraser. 8

Leigh: Tries: Arkwright, Cruickshank, Far-dough, Ingram, Murray, Street Goets: Wingheld 2. Kelighter: Tries: Larder, Lee Goets: Wood 4. Att. 1,856 Rochdale 14 Hull KR 20 Rochdale: Tries: Bunce, Hept, March Goal: Fox, Hull K R: Tries: Dixon, Gere, Rouse, A Smith Goals: Charles, Gray At: 1,179

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGE-Premier divisions Beverley East Huff 8 (id-ham St Annes 34, Castleford Lock Lane to Leigh MR 26, Egremont 14 Strataugh 10, Wootston 18 Wäiney Central 2 First dui-stors Milliom 36 Dudiey Hill 36, Moldgrees 3 Wigan St Judes 20. Hochdale Mayfield 13 Sodial 20 Second divisions Eccles 23 Huff Dockers 2, New Earswick 26 Blackbrook 6 AUSTRALIAN MATCHARA 1 Eacles 62

Australia Martineal League: Set-urday: Paramata 26 Melboure 14, Pin-rith 18 Cronula 18, South Sydney 18 West-ern Suburbs 20 Yesterday: Aucklan; 0 North Queensland 28, Batman 18 Manly 2, Newcasile 19 Brisbane 18. St George-la-warra 44 Coriberta 2. Lauding positions

final stage in Zaragoza yesterday. The overall winnerwas Juan Carlos Dominguez ATHLETICS

Marcel Wust, centre, brings the Tour of Aragon to a stylsh close as he wins the fifth and

WEST EWELL: East Survey League (4 miss). 1. Y Yusuf (Croydon) 21mm 18ec; 2. P Haywood (Boshil Racers) 22:11; 3 A Frankin (Sution) 22:32 Teamer. 1. Croyon 30tis. 2, Boshil Racers 34, 3, 56. Veterrac C Abboti (Epsom and Ewell) 24:1, Over-50: S Colle (Croydon) 25:33 Field standings 1, Borhil Racers 4/ps.; 2, lo-son and Ewell 38, 3, Croydon 37 Road running ROZE PLANTING

ROTTERDAM MARATHON: Men: 1, J Kosgei (Kan) Zhr 7min 9sec, 2, F Roncero (Sp)
2'07'24, 3, J Rey (Sp) 2'07'36, 4, S Bwott
(Ken) 2'07'43, 5, "Hyotro Kim (S Kor)
2'07'50, 6 M Ojima (Japan) 2:08'48 Women: 1, T Lordupe (Ken) 2'25'0. 2, S Chapkemer (Ken) 2'26'40, 3, Al Alorso (Sp)
2:29'56, 4, C Mallo (Fr) 2:31'50: 5, E Olivera
(Chile) 2'32'25, 6, H Hoderek (Not) 2'33'27,
WOLVERHAMPTON: Carl Lissemen
4 x 5.3mm relay: 1, Tipton 1hr 3min 18sec,
2, Tipton B 1:04'32, 3, Brichfield 1'04'54
Fastent large: 1, D Burows (Brichfield)
15'23'2, N Jones Tipton) 15-27, 3, S Hail
(Tipton) 15'45

MARHOW: Leon 10km: 1, J Crichlow (Weisom and Ewell 38, 3, Croydon 37
DERBY: LARA Races (one mile): 1, D Yaes (Matiock) 4min 42sec; 2, A Whitmer
(Matiock) 4-43, 3, P. Hurt (Cry of Stock)
4-50. Women: W Farrow (Derby Ladis)
5:03. Store: 1, J. Armold (Matiock) 15 35: 2k.
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16:30. Women: 1, W Farrow (Derby Ladis)
16:57, 2, S Branney (Cay of Glasgow) 18:0:
3, C Cresswell (Notts) 18:27 HARROW: Icon 10km: 1. J Crichlow (Wal-lord) 30mm 59sec. 2. R Szade (Newport) 31.14, 3. H Raid (Belgrave) 31:17, 4. J Lawl-er (Beldord) 31.19, 5. R Howell (Thames

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er (Bedford) 31.19, 5, R Howell (Thames Hare and Hounds) 31 40, 8, A Hurr (Cardill) 31 53 Tearms: 1, 1, thames Hare and Hounds 55pts: 2, London Irish 79, 3, Wallouds 55pts: 2, London Irish 79, 33 19, Wallouds 19, 22, Ower-85: B Hare and Hounds) 38 04 Women: 1, D Sanderson (Waldord) 35:50, 2, E Coleman (Linatiached) 36 02, 3, 1, Francis-Thomas (Newport) 36 16 Tearms: 1, Ealing, Southall and Middlesex 25; 2, London Irish 38 Track and field ABERIDEEN: Scottish University chart ABERDEEN: Scottlish University chemionshipe: Man: 100m: J Oparka (Dunde)
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3,000m: C Walver (Strathclyde) 10.4 3
Hurdles: 110m: M Hendby (Glasgow) 1.9
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vauld: D Graham (Edinburgh) 3.80m Ling
Jump: A McInroy (Glasgow) 6.45m Thise
Jump: C McGarley (Dundee) 12.49m Slot

RUGBY UNION

P Sociat (Sevenson's Edinburgh) 13.11m Discusz C McGinley (Dundeel 31.41m. Janvillor. J Smith (Aberdeen) 56.63m 4 x 400m relay: Glasgow 3:33 9 Woment: 100m; J McKay (Glasgow) 1:33 200m: N McGleton (Strathclyde) 2:6.8 400m; J McKay (Glasgow) 5:7.7 800m; K Andelson (Strathclyde) 2:6.8 400m; J McKay (Glasgow) 5:7.7 800m; K Andelson (Strathclyde) 18:55 8. Hurdless: 110m; H McKay (Glasgow) 4:0.00m; S Johnson (Glasgow) 19:0. 400m; S Johnson (Glasgow) 19:0. 400m; S Johnson (Glasgow) 4:0.00m; Discuss: N Disabela (Glasgow) 4:0.25m Nammer: J Loney (Aberdeen) 3:2.46m Janvillor: J Loney (Aberdeen) 3:2.46m Janvillor: J Overand (Glasgow) 4:0.25m Nammer: J Loney (Aberdeen) 3:2.46m Janvillor: J Overand (Glasgow) 4:0.25m Nammer: J Loney (Aberdeen) 3:2.46m Janvillor: J Overand (Glasgow) 3:0.31m. Relays: 4:x 110m; Strathclyde 5:4:6.4 x 4:00m; Glasgow 4:15:3. KINGSTON; Kinnsalrd Trosehy: 100m; B

B Cointeh (Purne TVH) 49 6° 800m; J Good-win (St Mary's University) 1:56.3 1,500m; T Antao (Windsor, Stough & Eton) 4 01 6 3,000m; P Haater (Achilles) 8:58.2 2,000m steeptechases: A Fooks; St Mary's College; 6 00.2. Hurdles: 110m; S Hurn (Sutton) 16 0 400m; J Parker (Achilles) 53. Retay: 4 x 100m; Windsor, Stough and Eton 45.4. 4 x 400m; St Mary's College 3:24 8 Match result: 1, Achilles 250pts; 2, Kingston and Polytechnic 163; 3, Windsor, Slough and

KINGSTON: Kinnsird Trophy: 100m: R Fujmon (St Mary's College) 11sec. 200m: R Fujmon (St Mary's College) 22:3. 400m: B Conteh (Puma TVH) 49:8 800m: J Good-

heath 43; 8. Hercules Wimbledon 34
KINGSTON: Sward Trophy: High jump:
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LEADING SCORERS: 316: J Schuster (Hartequits, 5 ines, 30 conversions, 74 penalty goals, 1 dropped goal), 247: M Calt (Balt, 41, 37c, 51pg) 247: G Johnson (Saracers, 71, 40c, 44pg) 236: J Wikmson (Newtoste, 71, 42c, 39pg) 222: X Logan (Wasps 6i, 27c, 46pg) 209: S Howarth (Sale, 6i, 37c, 35pg, 10g) 202: J Stransky Lecesser, 7i, 34c, 33pg) 199: N Woods (London Insh. 11, 24c, 32pg) 187: E Vala (Richmond, 7t, 31c, 30pg) 17fes; 12: S Harley (Salet, P Lam (Northampton), 11: N Back (Lecester), R Underwood (Bedford), Woods

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SWALEC Cup Semi-finals

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Plato earns reward for slick display

By Kevin Eason

FORTUNE favours the brave and lason Plato yesterday capitalised on the uncertainty of his rivals to put himself in contention for the Auto Trader British touring car championship (BTCC). While the rest dithered and agonised whether to change tyres as the clouds rolled in over Silverstone. Plato just got on with it. He led from the start of the main feature race and, apart from a fright when he was nudged by the Volvo of Rickard Rydell, the Englishman was never troubled on his way to a surprise victory.

The day provided another boost

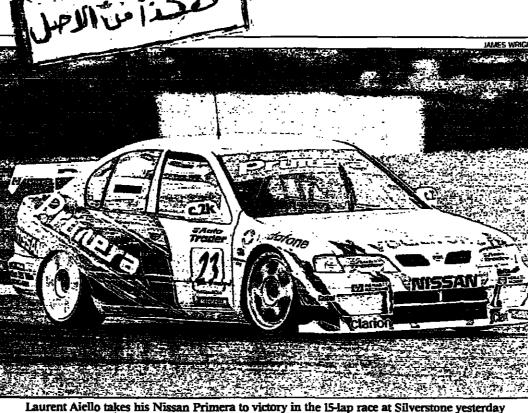
for the minority contingent of Brit-ish drivers in this series, with James Thompson doing enough to retain the lead in the overall championship. Plato is second followed Matt Neal, the independent driver who won £250,000 last time out as the first privateer to win a BTCC race. There was no fat cheque yesterday for Neal's Team

Dynamics, just a hard dose of reality and a blown engine. "You have to have bad luck as well as good," Neal said. "So I suppose I had to expect that things might not go entirely my way."

Plato certainly never expected to be so well placed in the championship thanks to a victory that upset the pre-race formbook. The Nissan Primeras had showed remarkable pace all weekend and, after a onetwo in the 15-lap sprint for Laurent Aiello and David Leslie, they were expected to dominate the crucial

Plato, meanwhile, spent the day playing down his chances, insisting that his Renault Laguna was still not fully prepared after it was late in development over the winter.

Plato, 31, found himself as team leader for this season after Alain Menu, the 1997 champion, joined Ford. Then he arrived at Silverstone in low spirits after the sudden



death of his mentor, Martin Sharpe, the head of Mardi Gras Motorsport, who revived Plato's flagging career by putting him into the Renault Spider championship in 1996. Plato went on to win the title, which was the springboard to

the Renault touring car team.
"I am so pleased for the team
after all that has happened over the winter and then there was the news of Martin," Plato said. "The weather obviously helped today and I had the chance to take advantage." As the cars lined up, the rain

forced the brave, like Plato, to play their poker hand, staying on slicks and gamble that they would have enough grip to survive until the track dried. Leslie, Neal and hold him back. Thompson, however, all came in for intermediate rubber, choosing to start from the pitlane and hoping

field. From fourth on the grid, Plato charged between Rydell and Aiello to grab the lead and stayed there. Behind him, Aiello fell away and Leslie struggled. Neal, too, failed to

that they would cut through the

make headway, although Thompson powered through the back-markers and even a long pitstop to take on four fresh slicks failed to

After broken steering ended the challenge of Rydell, the champion. Plato just had to stay on the circuit to win. Thompson says he will win the championship if he is consistent. That was his fourth time in the points in four races and that is championship form.

Ecclestone seeks rally revolution

By JEREMY HART

TOMMI MAKINEN, the winner of three world championships, has welcomed the news that Bernie Ecclestone will inject £75 million into motor rallying over the next five years in an attempt to lift the sport's profile closer to that of For-

"I'm very happy to hear that."
Makinen said on the eve of the
Catalonia Rally on the Costa
Brava. "Rallying needs Mr Ecclestone's input. He has done a great job with Formula One and for some of the success to come to railying would be fantastic."

In Great Britain, rallying is available only to viewers of Eurosport, the satellite channel, although a deal to show it on BBC television is expected to be signed shortly. Ecclestone, the Formula One

ringmaster, armed with a budget of £15 million a year, will use his television expertise from Formula One to simplify the way in which rallying can be followed.

"With Fl, you can see more or less where everyone is." Ecclestone said. "We have to try and get that across with rallying. I plan to have a central place for the rally to be based, then have |the rally cars follow one route one day and later come back down the one they've just gone up."

Another new proposal is the televising of some of the final timed stages that make up a rally, offering three world championship points to the stage winner and a chance to reinstate cars that may have previously retired. The first of these events will be aired during

the Corsica Rally next month. "Rallying has the potential to be a good product." Ecclestone said. "Nothing is a threat to FI, but rallying is completely different. I don't know if it's going to work, but I didn't know what the potential of FI was before I started."

In Spain yesterday. Colin McRae declared his new slimline Ford Focus a potential winner of the Catalonia Rally. Ford have shaved 40 kilos from the car that the Seat deput to victory in Votation. the Scot drove to victory in Kenya and Portugal to make it more competitive on the mountain roads north of Barcelona. "The difference is quite marked." McRae. who is suffering from flu, said. "The weight saved makes it better under braking and acceleration."

If McRae is off the pace, there are three drivers capable of stealing the limelight. Makinen is a former winner in Spain, as is Carlos Sainz, of Spain, while the Suburu of Richard Burns should be suited to the tarmac.

MAMERICAN FOOTBALL: Scottish Claymores left it late to win their opening game of the NFL Europe season against Rhein Fire at Murrayfield yesterday (Richard Wetherell writes). A six-yard touchdown run by Dameyune Craig, their quarterback, with less than two minutes remaining, brought the scores level at 20-20 and Rob Hart, an Englishman, kicked the conversion to secure victory against the champions. It was the only time that the Claymores were in front. They

fell 7-0 behind in the first quarter, but Yo Murphy caught a 29-yard pass from Craig to level the scores. Fire went 20-7 ahead, but Matt Finkes brought Claymores back with a touchdown, which Hart converted, and Craig's touchdown and Hart's kick clinched it.

El SWIMMING: China's preparations for the Olympic Games in Sydney in 2000 are concentrated on taking a "clean squad" to Sydney, even at the expense of gold medals, a high-ranking sports official told Chinese state media said yesterday. The national swimming association's target is for China's representatives to win one gold medal in the women's events and any medal in the men's. China's women swimmers won one gold, three silver and two bronze at the 1996 Games.

E REAL TENNIS: Penny Lumley, the world champion, underlined her dominance when she retained the Harvey Joseph British Open women's title at Holyport, beating Kae Leeming, the Australian professional, in straight sets (Sally Jones writes). Lumley, on her home court, did not drop a set throughout the event and outrallied Charlotte Cornwallis, the much-improved British professional, in the semi-finals.

TENNIS: Felix Mantilla, right, defeated Karim Alami, of Morocco, 7-6, 6-3, 6-3, to win the Barcelona Open yesterday and delight the home crowd. Mantilla took a 4-0 lead over Alami, the world No 83, before the Moroccan recovered to force a tie-break. In the second set. Mantilla broke for 5-3 to claim the set and the Spaniard took the third in similar style



ECYCLING: Frank Vandenbroucke fulfilled his billing as Belgium's most exciting talent since Eddy Merckx with victory in the oldest one-day classic of the professional season, the Liège-Bastogne-Liège race, yesterday. Vandenbroucke, consistently highly placed in the spring classics this year. attacked six kilometres from the finish in the Liège suburbs to claim his first win in the race.

■ NETBALL: Bedfordshire have won the inter-county tournament for the first time, beating Derbyshire 17-15 in the final at the Acklam Sports Centre in Middlesbrough yesterday (Cathy Harris writes). It was third time lucky for Bedfordishire after beating Middlesex, the holders, in the semi-final, while Derbyshire beat Essex Met, the pre-tournament favourites.

■ CRICKET: Glenn McGrath, the Australia pace bowler, twisted his ankle in the third one-day international defeat by West Indies on Saturday and was ruled out of the fourth meeting yesterday. West Indies went 2-l up in the seven-match series as Jimmy Adams, Sherwin Campbell and Carl Hooper made half-centuries in West Indies' successful chase for a target of 243, reached with five wickets and an over to spare.

SATURDAY'S RACING RESULTS

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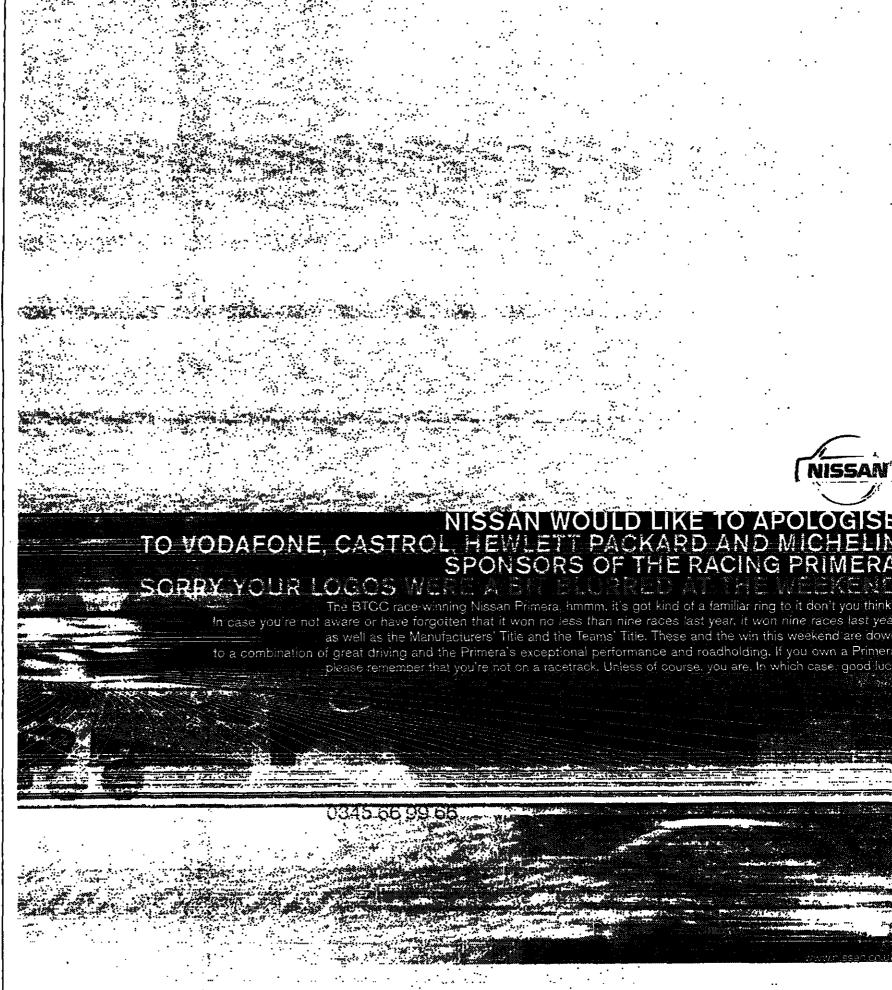
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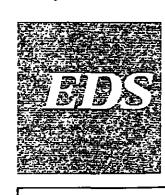
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1,420 runners break three-hour barrier



Here exclusive in The Times, are the first finishers in the 1999 Flora London Marathon, including the 1,420 who broke the three-hour mark. The results are provided by EDS, official suppliers of computers to the race. The names and times of other finishers will be published this week.

TOP 50 IN THE MEN'S RACE

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- 3 A Anton 2:09:41
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- 6 G Leone 2:10:03 7 A Juzdado 2:10:08
- 8 D Castro 2:10:24 9 S Mphulanzane 2:10:56
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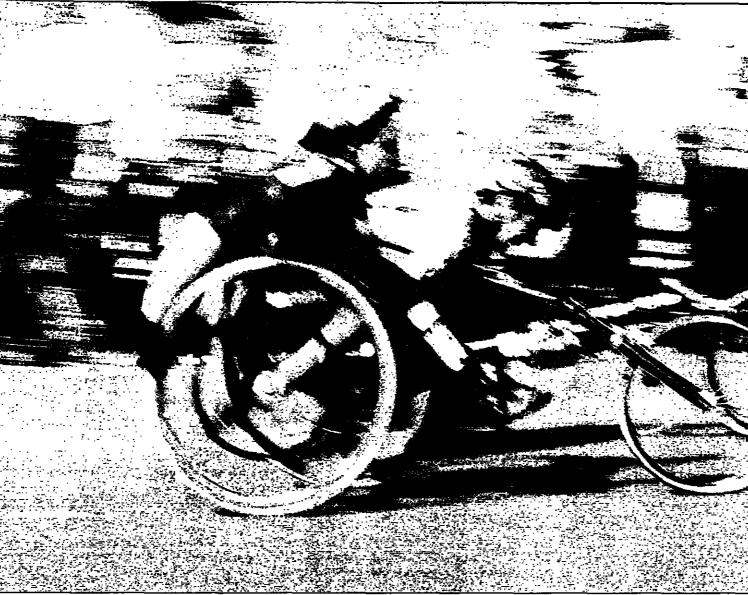
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THE Flora London wheelchair marathon saw the closest finish in the 17-year history of the event, with Heinz Frei. of Switzerland, hanging onto his title by just one second.

Jeannot Joel, of France, competing in London for the first time, applied the pressure from the start and Frei, the world record-holder, attempting to win the London crown for the fourth time, was relieved to hold off the fierce challenge.
Approaching the halfway

point at Tower Bridge, Frei seemed to get on terms but the lead continued to switch hands regularly and the pair were level when they entered The Mail.

That the title would be decided by a head-to-head sprint for the line had looked inevitable for a long time before. Frei won by the width of a wheel in thr 35min 27sec, nine seconds outside the course record he set last year. But, throughout the entire 26 miles

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STATE CHAIR RESULTS

MER: H Frei (Switz) 1hr 35mm 27sec; 2, J Jeannot (Fr) 1:35 28, 3, D Holding (GB) 1:45:28; 4, D Lemeunier (Fr) 1:45:32, 5, K Parworth (GB) 1:48:12; 6, T Patel (GB) 1:48:21; 7, C Moden (GB) 1:50:25, 8, J Heve (Bel) 1:50:26; 9, B Krol (Pol) 1:50:29; 10, J Fulhem (GB) 2:00:51.

WOMER: 1, M Wetterstrom (Swe) 1:57:38, 2, T Grey (GB) 2:11:10; 3, P Dookery (Ire) 2:14:53, 4, K Darke (GB) 2:39:51, 5, M Roce (Ire) 2:47:51, 6, D Brennan (GB) 2:49:16; 7, K Cugley (GB) 3:09:38

OTHER FINISHERS: J Buren 2:02:39, J Vrink 2:06:15, J Hanks 2:06:34, B Vigourous 2:06:38

R Powel 2:06:57, D Young 2:07:50, J Hallam 2:10:43, A Cheek, 2:11:07, G Allen 2:24:09, S restere 2:27:57, R Wimpross 2:33:20; J Abal 2:43:34, A Holt 2:45:23; M Amstrong 2:46:11, P Downing 2:49:10, M Fox 2:59:56; J Gilbert 3:13:42, G Peny 3:31:18, W Watson 3:69:30, R Cassell 3:59:31, D Alcock 4:18:27; T Claypole 4:26:36, R Schabel 4:41:39

er more than a second be- world record-holder from Swetween them. Frei, 41, said: "It was a close

race but I was confident I would come through in the final stretch. Conditions were more difficult than before. It was colder and there was a headwind at the start."

He was conceding eight years to Joel, the winner of the recent Paris marathon, and admitted: "I have to train a littie harder with more quality work."

In contrast, the women's race saw a runaway victory by young children, repeated her

385 yards race, there was nev- Monica Wetterstrom, the

Despite being unable to train outdoors since the start of the year because of snow and grit on the roads near her home in Atersberga, near Stockholm, Wetterstrom led from the start.

She soon built up a commanding lead to reach The Mall in Ihr 57min 38sec, more than three miles ahead of Tanni Grey, from Great Britain. who won the event last year. Monica, who has three

13 miles but from Tower Bridge 1 was suffering. I felt quite tired." The runner-up will be getting married in a fortnight but intends to compete in the wheelchair marathon again next year, when she will be

1997 victory. "I was worried be-cause I have been unable to

go outdoors to train." she

said. "The problem is the grit

on the roads causes lots of

punctures. I have been using

a roller on an indoor track.

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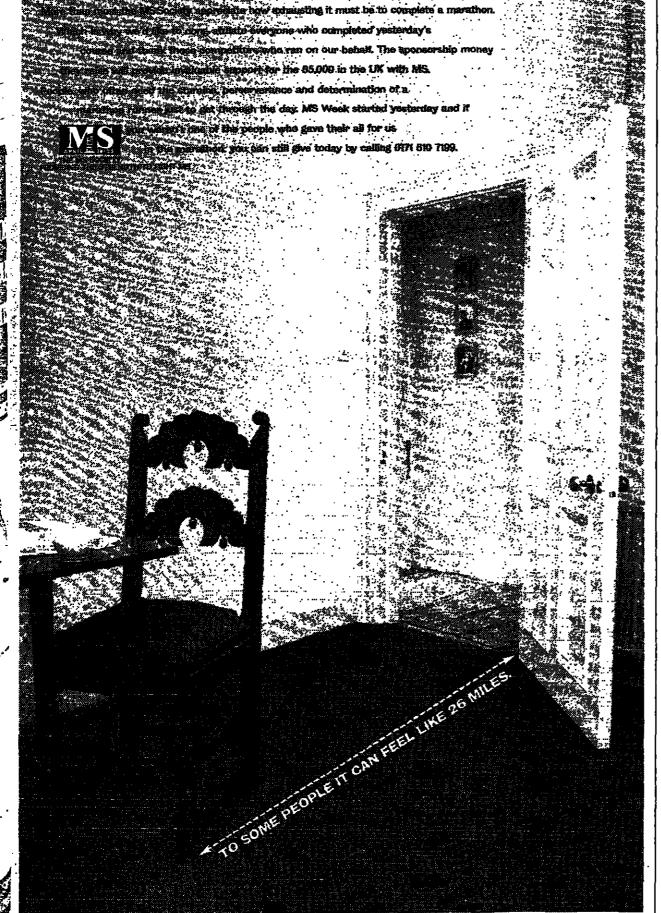
have been outdoors in a racing wheelchair."
Grey. 29, who has won the

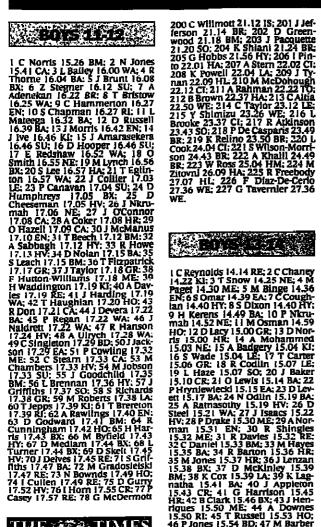
London race four times, said:

"It was tough this year. I picked up between three and

Mrs Tanni Thompson. Frei and Wetterstrom, the contrasting winners of the men's and women's events, also indicated their determination to rejoin battle with old freinds and foes in 12 months'

TOM POLLAK







1 C Reynolds 14.14 RE; 2 C Chaney 14.25 NE; 4 M Paget 14.30 ME; 5 M Binge 14.36 EN; 6 S Omar 14.25 NE; 4 M Paget 14.30 ME; 5 M Binge 14.36 EN; 6 S Omar 14.30 EN; 7 C Coughlan 14.40 HY; 8 S D bxon 14.40 HY; 9 H Kerens 14.49 BA; 10 P Nkrumab 14.52 NE; 11 M Osman 14.59 HO; 12 D Lacy 15.00 GR; 13 D Norris 15.00 HR; 14 A Mohammed 15.03 NE; 15 A Badgery 15.04 KI; 16 S Wade 15.00 GR; 13 D Norris 15.00 GR; 18 R Codilin 15.07 LE; 19 I Haze 15.07 SO; 20 J Baker 15.10 CR; 21 O Lewis 15.14 BA; 22 P Hryniewiecki 15.15 EA; 23 D Levent 15.17 BA; 24 N Odlin 15.19 BA; 25 A Ratnasothy 15.19 HV; 26 D Steel 15.21 WA; 27 J Isaacs 15.22 HY; 28 P Drake 15.30 ME; 29 A Norman 15.31 EN; 30 R Shingles 15.32 ME; 31 R Davies 15.32 RE; 335 EA; 34 R Barton 15.36 HR; 35 M Jones 15.37 HR; 36 J Lenzan 15.38 BK; 37 D McKinley 15.39 BM; 38 K Cox 15.39 LA; 39 K Lagnatha 15.41 BA; 40 J Appleton 15.43 CR; 41 G Harrison 15.45 HR; 42 B Clark 15.46 BX; 43 J Herriques 15.50 ME; 44 A Downes 15.50 RI; 45 T Russell 15.53 HO; 46 P Jones 15.55 B J More 15.55 RJ; 48 I I brahim 15.56 HA; 49 J Urvin 15.57 BA; 30 S Bicphenson 15.58 SU; 51 B Rayner 15.59 BX; 52 L Danagher; 16.00 CA; 59 M Russell 16.10 BX; 60 P Brits, 50 R; 64 F P Dones 15.56 A Ho; 47 Hunter 16.07 HV; 58 D Warren 16.09 HO; 59 M Russell 16.10 BX; 60 P Brits, 50 R; 64 F P Dones 15.50 Ke; 64 F Dewhursiah 16.16 HY; 65 M Keane 16.18 K; 66 W Fairclough 16.18 SU; 67 M Hall 16.19 CR; 68 S Clements 16.19 HV; 69 A Hook 16.19 RI; 70 S Walkon, 16.19 TO; 71 J Martin 16.21 EN; 72 P McLaughilm 16.22 KF; 74 S Powell 16.07 GR; 75 J Hickman 16.24 HR; 76 J Coffill-Brown 16.27 RI; 77 A Mohamed 16.30 HY; 78 S Reitly 16.37 R Henderson 16.54 HO; 80 J F Reitly 16.37 R Henderson 16.54 HO; 98 Harsilp 17.20 CR; 11 J Martin 16.21 EN; 70 J Martin 16.23 EN; 74 S J Hickman 16.24 EA; 75 J Hickman 16.24 EA; 75 J Hickman 16.24 EA; 75 J Hickman 16.24 EA; 76 J Hickman 16.27 RI; 70 A Mohamed 16.30 HY; 78 S Reitly 16.37 R Henderson 16.54 HO; 98 Harsilp 17.25 CR; 113 J Page 17.45 CA; 114 F Reitly 17.45 CA; 115 F Reitly 17.45 EA; 117 J 17.58 WA: 79 A Bryson 17.59 RI: 80
J Boutle 18.01 BM: 81 S Dunkley
18.01 SU: 82 K Pyke 18.02 HO: 83
A Joseph 18.03 CA: 84 J Graham
18.03 LE: 85 D Diamond 18.03
SO: 86 A Trusty 18.04 CR: 87 T
Chagar 18.05 NE: 88 J Woodhouse
18.06 RI: 89 M Bensusan 18.07
HV: 90 L McCabe 18.09 GR: 91 D
Marsh 18.10 LE: 92 M Shirley
18.11 BM: 93 E Mellin 18.14 NE: 94
M Pink 18.16 EA: 95 M Cunningham 18.16 KI: 96 M Tollermache
18.17 KE: 97 J Phnn 18.18 ME: 98 L
Zeki 18.19 EN: 99 P Yorath 18.19
HL: 100 G Cooper 18.20 NE: 101 A
Richards 18.21 GR: 102 J Dillon
18.24 HO: 103 A PTZedTzymirski
18.26 ME: 104 R McCall 18.27 EX:
105 M Hicks 18.28 CR: 106 G Hall
18.28 RE: 107 S Harris 18.29 EA:
108 C O'Hara 18.29 RI: 109 X Boureau 18.30 KE: 110 L Sammons
18.30 ME: 111 O Opedit 18.31 KE:
112 L Pranklin 18.32 LA: 113 P Lehmann 18.33 SU: 114 S Brady 18.33
WA: 115 J Bamber 18.34 CA: 116 A
Roberts 18.35 BD: 117 M Rooney
18.35 CR: 118 B Felstead 18.36
BD: 119 R Trebaol 18.36 KE: 120 L
Ashenden 18.37 HY: 121
S Kennedy 18.38 HY: 122 A Shellgrove 18.41 EA: 123 J West 18.43
WA: 124 C Driscoil 18.45 CI; 125 B
Austin 18.46 KI: 126 C Wood 18.48
KF: 127 J Bryzan 18.49 BD: 128 H
Shaw 18.49 Wa: 129 C Uddiard
18.50 BD: 130 J Haydon 18.50 KE:
131 R McDonnell 18.50 RE: 130 I
H Shaw 18.49 Wa: 129 C Uddiard
18.51 R Acconnell 18.50 RE: 131 I
H Shaw 18.49 M: 129 C Liddiard
18.55 BD: 130 J Haydon 18.50 KE:
131 R McDonnell 18.50 RE: 132 D
Hyslop 18.54 ME: 133 M Huntiley
18.55 KI: 134 A Georgaliides 18.57
HV: 135 J Taverner 18.59 ME: 136
J Fletcher 19.00 IS: 137 D Fletcher
19.01 IS: 138 S Ail 19.03 NE: 139 T
Jucker 19.11 CA: 140 R Nugent
19.11 KE: 141 A Thompson 19.13
EA; 142 D McNamara 19.13 GR:
143 L Kwalikowski 19.15 WA: 144
J Francis 19.16 LA: 145 L O'Connor
19.17 HR: 146 B Palairet 19.18 RI:
147 M Bennett 19.20 TO: 148 M
Holland 19.21 BA: 149 M Morakinyo 19.25 HM: 150 M (15brl)
19.28 NE: 151 C Hind 19.30 Ba:
152 N Saunders 19.30 CR: 153 J

147 M Bennett 19.20 TO: 148 M Holland 19.21 BA; 149 M Morakinyo (9.25 HM; 150 M Uibrii 19.28 NE; 151 C Hind 19.30 BA; 152 N Saunders 19.30 CR; 153 J Cuiler 19.30 SU: 154 J Stock 19.36 BX; 155 S Weaver 19.36 HR; 156 G Dahi 19.40 WA; 157 J Briggs 19.44 IS; 158 A McCommon 19.48 SO: 159 S King 19.49 TO; 160 R Garrod 19.50 ME; 161 G Florez 19.55 KE; 162 S Nejad 20.01 IS; 163 G Alien 20.04 IS; 164 A Adigun 20.05 LA; 165 J Davies-Whelan 20.08 IS; 166 L Mulholland 20.08 LA; 167 S Larkins 20.08 IA; 168 D Atkins 20.08 TO; 169 S Hassain 20.13 TO; 170 J Withey 20.16 HR; 171 A Pericleous 20.20 WE; 172 T Holmes 20.20 HL; 173 D Speer 20.20 KI; 174 J Ash 20.22 HL; 175 P Dokic 20.22 HL; 176 J Eyles 20.24 HA; 177 S Notice 20.24 LE; 178 Y Nadori 20.25 LE; 179 K Riles 20.26 HA; 180 J Kilmartin 20.28 EN; 181 K Critichley 20.28 HR; 182 G Sekhon 20.28 HC; 183 K Short 20.29 HO; 184 P Casey 20.30 HO; 185 C O'Hara 20.34 GR; 186 S Hue 20.36 HY; 187 Y Snifieman 20.38 TO; 188 J Awe 20.41 HA; 189 J Cummins 20.43 WE; 190 K Arenas 20.57 HA; 191 L Adegbir 20.57 SO; 192 C O'Sullivan 21.00 BR; 193 A MYIII 21.02 LA; 190 K Arenas 20.57 HA; 191 L Adegbir 20.57 P Meehan 21.07 LE; 198 A Walsh 21.09 HL; 199 J Doyle 21.10 IS; ments (17.59 HV; 137 R Bennett 18.00 HI; 138 J Patel 18.01 BR: 139 R Costart 18.01 WE; 140 J Smith 18.01 WA: 141 T Chowdhoury 18.03 BR: 142 M Franklin 18.04 LA: 143 G Jones 18.10 EN; 144 S Slator 18.10 NE; 145 C Katz Summercarn 18.12 Ct; 146 D Meher 18.12 WA; 147 E Deutrom 18.15 IS: 148 J Hughes 18.21 WA; 149 LCrooks 18.21 WA; 150 D Holmes 18.22 CA: 151 M Jenner 18.22 CR: 152 C Hadiey 18.23 EN; 153 S Williams 18.24 LE: 154 M Ladbrook 18.25 SU; 155 F Fagerz 18.27 HM; 156 G Severn 18.27 HO: 157 R Newman 18.28 ME; 158 B James 18.28 TO; 159 C Damanhuri 18.29 LE; 160 f Tesh 18.30 KI: 161 R Solomon 18.30 KI; 162 M Grant 18.31 EA: 163 J Calvert 18.31 HY; 164 J Watford 18.31 ME; 165 C Waltz 18.33 HL; 166 A Shitari 18.41 BR: 167 C Jones 18.42 WE; 168 J Fox 18.44 HY; 169 P Richards 18.47 BM: 170 L Dodder 18.47 HL; 171 J Coombes 18.50 LA: 172 M Baxter 18.52 HM; 173 B Mehdil 18.53 KE: 174 D Hawtin 18.55 KE: 175 C Leach 19.04 HE: 178 G Daley 19.04 SU; 179 T Tabori 19.11 IS: 180 S Ely 19.20 EA: 181 W Balley 19.22 WA; 182 B Hooper 19.24 SU; 183 R Jones 19.25 LA: 184 A Board 19.27 WA: 185 R McIntyre 19.28 CA: 186 C Sobers 19.28 HA:



187 K Varsani 19.29 BR: 188 J Collingbourne 19.30 EN: 189 C Jenner 19.31 CR: 190 P Moreton 19.32 BM: 191 S Odeneye 19.37 LE: 192 J Brooks 19.39 HA: 193 P Egan 19.40 EA: 194 C Newton 19.46 HV: 195 A Mercer 19.48 RI: 196 C Lafayette 19.56 WA: 197 F Stephenson 20.01 IS: 198 K Lyons 20.02 BD: 199 A FISher 20.05 BD: 200 M Ansiey 20.08 SU: 201 G Bebb 20.15 NE: 202 P Panell 20.16 CI: 203 A Efferney 20.22 KI: 204 F Maddison 20.26 HM: 205 W Arenas 20.32 HA: 206 S Suavi 20.56 CI: 207 J McMahon 21.02 IS: 208 A DIBZ-De-Cerlo 21.13 WE: 209 B Patel 21.24 BR: 210 J McNuff 21.34 KI: 211 R Carter 21.47 KI: 212 Lelroy 22.06 BR: 213 S McCann 22.10 HL: 214 M King 22.11 TO: 215 J Maclean 22.41 CI: 216 C Loftin 22.56 HI: 217 E Conton 23.07 WE: 218 G Gamble 23.26 HL: 219 O Forde 23.38 WE: 220 T Vincent 23.42 SO: 221 L Talbot 23.47 SO: 222 C Mohammed 23.48 WA: 224 W Schoffield 24.37 WE: 225 M All 28.49 TO: 226 G Forde 29.13 WE.

1 M Farah 13.00 HO; 2 R Ward 13.18 SU; 3 R Williams 13.21 Ba; 4 A Ali 13.27 HO; 5 R Bentley 13.31 LE; 6 T Pounds 13.38 WA; 7 D Lewis 13.49 BA; 8 J Mayes 13.55 LE; 9 D Bussey 14.02 BM; 10 M Saunders 14.03 HR; 11 A Pickett 14.07 BK; 12 T Hawkey 14.08 BC; 13 D Moore 14.08 GR; 14 I Essak 14.08 HO; 15 M Heasley 14.08 LE; 16 W Bolton 14.13 BM; 17 J Conner 14.13 LE; 18 M Clarke 14.13 WA; 19 S Overall 14.14 RI; 20 M Collins 14.20 BA; 21 S McAndrew 14.24 BA; 22 A TShaye 14.24 CR: 23 P Nortis 14.25 HR; 24 B Henty 14.27 LE; 25 C Norris 14.29 EN; 26 D Allen 14.30 BD; 27 S Carrington 14.31 HY; 28 A Smith 14.32 BX; 29 R Peters 14.33 BX; 30 R Owen 14.33 BM; 31 J Smith 14.37 HY; 32 L Clements 14.39 HV; 33 J Hasell 14.40 RE; 34 J Ruffer 14.41 LE; 35 M Owens 14.42 KI; 36 G Parr 14.43 SU; 37 M Rahim 14.51 HR; 38 K Walden 14.52 BA; 39 R Hardy 14.52 CA; 40 S Rider 14.52 NF; 41 M Owens 14.42 KI: 36 G Parr 14.43 SU; 37 M Rahim 14.51 HR; 38 K Walden 14.52 BA; 39 R Hardy 14.52 CA: 40 S Rider 14.52 NE; 41 T Hindle 14.53 CA: 42 M Goodwin 14.55 SO: 43 D Hayes 14.56 RI; 44 T Savage 14.57 ME; 45 M Nash 14.59 HI; 46 C Nicholis 15.01 ME; 47 J Godfrey 15.02 HI; 48 M McIntosh 15.03 HR; 49 S Barber 15.03 RI; 50 S Eftekhari 15.04 BA; 51 A Adu-Boakye 15.05 LE; 52 P Forey 15.07 HO; 53 T Dymond 15.08 BD; 54 A Moreton 15.11 BM; 55 C Coates 15.12 BD; 56 O Harris 15.12 BD; 56 O Harris 15.12 BD; 57 N Harvey 15.13 ME; 58 N Collins 15.14 HV; 59 P Manson 15.15 RE; 60 K O'Sullivan 15.17 HV; 61 R Smith 15.21 HV; 62 J Trayling 15.22 EN; 63 D Simmons 15.26 LA: 64 C Cooke 15.28 GR; 65 J Lutalo 15.28 NE; 66 L Xuereb 15.29 GR; 67 K Hassan 15.31 HO; 68 A Dhilton 15.31 NE; 69 M McGaughilin 15.32 NE; 70 R Gauct 15.32 TO; 71 M Da Silva 15.33 KE; 72 R Batchelor 15.34 HM; 73 G Major 15.36 GR; 74 N HIII 15.36 GR; 75 J Cromie 15.34 HM; 73 G Major 15.36 GR; 74 N HIII 15.36 GR; 75 J Cromie 15.34 HO; 80 A Roffe 15.38 HY; 78 B McCarthy 15.40 RE; 79 J Keen 15.42 HO; 80 A Roffe 15.43 BX; 81 C Bell 15.44 BX; 82 S Bell 15.44 HO; 83 R Hamdy 15.45 HL; 84 S Samuel 15.46 RE; 85 G Nkrumah 15.50 NE; 86 S Ahmed 15.52 HA; 87 A Clarke 15.56 EN; 88 J Perty 15.57

BM; 89 J Dayes 15.57 LE; 90 A Treanor 16.00 SU; 91 J Cooke 16.01 EN; 92 J Perm 16.02 BD; 93 T Langley 16.04 EA; 94 J Perks 16.05 GR; 95 A Strong 16.05 HO; 96 N Tanner 16.06 SU; 97 A Silva 16.09 WA; 98 T Poole 16.10 BM; 99 S North 16.10 KE; 100 E Ozturk 16.12 SI; 101 C Morris 16.14 RI; 102 T Savile 16.18 ME; 103 A Meller 16.18 SU; 104 D Carroll 16.21 SU; 105 A Kendall 16.22 WA; 106 D Holder 16.23 WA; 107 M Morren 16.24 KE; 109 M Lindsay 16.24 KI; 110 C Clarke 16.25 LI; 111 T Keane 16.27 IS; 112 G Greggains 16.29 RI; 113 G Pemble 16.30 BA; 114 J Mohammed 16.32 NE; 115 P Bennett 16.32 TO; 116 S Sahotia 16.37 HV; 117 L Clark 16.37 IS; 118 K Hook 16.37 WA; 131 G Goodger 16.38 BX; 120 M Sahel 16.40 CA; 121 R Sturdy 16.40 CR; 122 P Ferreira 16.40 LA; 123 L Carew 16.41 EN; 124 M Thomas 16.42 RE; 125 P Cable 16.42 TO; 126 A Mitchell 16.43 CR; 127 L Wahed 16.43 ME; 128 B Barker 16.45 CI; 129 P Carrer 16.46 EN; 130 T Fayyaz 16.47 WA; 131 E England 16.48 WA; 132 A Obedobe 16.55 HA; 133 L McGeoghan 16.57 WA; 131 E England 16.46 KW; 136 CR; 135 N Conway 16.59 CR; 136 J Percival 17.01 HM; 137 M McGreig 17.02 ME; 138 A Bailey 17.04 CA; 139 R Tully 17.05 KE; 140 T Heard 17.09 EN; 141 D Frongla 17.10 RE; 142 J Kelly 17.14 RE; 143 N Wozntak 17.17

KEY TO LONDON **BOROUGHS** BD=Barking & Dagenham BA=Barnet BX≍Bexley BR=Brent BM=Bromlev CA=Camden Cl⇒City of London EA=Ealing EN=Enfield GR=Greenwich HA=Hackney HM=Hammersmith HY=Haringey HR=Harrow

HV=Havering HL=Hillingdon HO=Hounslow IS=Islington KE=Kensington & Chelsea KI=Kingston LA=Lambeth LE=Lewisham ME=Merton NE=Newham RE=Redbridge RI=Richmond S0=Southwark SU=Sutton TO=Tower Hamlets WF=Waltham Forest WA=Wandsworth WE=Westminster Clarke 15.56 EN; 88 J Perry 15.57

TEAM RESULTS

The overall and cities team results will

EA: 144 M Lycki 17.19 WA: 145 D
Boaleng 17.24 IS: 146 N Bonner
17.25 HA: 147 S Ahmed 17.25 WA:
148 A Burgess 17.26 Ki; 149 D Marthew 17.26 RE: 150 M Aldham
17.27 ME: 151 N Tucker 17.28 IS:
152 R Haidon 17.29 BD: 153 L
Brown 17.33 BM: 154 L Smith
17.34 RL; 155 E Phipps 17.35 CR:
156 A libboit 17.35 HL; 157 T Parker 17.37 RI; 158 J Collins 17.38
EN; 159 A Shay 17.42 LA: 160 B Levett 17.44 SC: 161 A Northrop 17.46
HV: 162 T Eagle 17.46 KI; 163 A
Groom 17.48 HV; 164 B Bilik
17.52 CA: 165 J Keothavong 17.57 BR:
167 T Heales 17.58 WA: 168 R Williams 17.59 HY; 169 R O'Connor
18.02 HR: 170 C Allen 18.03 BM;
171 J Fletcher 18.06 LA: 172 A Sorreli 18.11 CR: 173 M Wegner 18.16
HY: 174 D Shah 18.17 HY; 175 H
Hunt 18.26 HM: 176 D Fox 18.26
LA: 177 A Weldon 18.27 GR: 178 S
Paston 18.28 WA: 179 T Wiseman
18.29 EA; 180 A Taylor 18.29 KE;
181 R Sutton 18.30 KI; 182 D Marshall 18.34 EA: 183 A Abd I 18.35
HM; 184 B Canning 18.36 TO: 185
M Radford 18.39 CR: 186 J Jones
18.40 CA: 187 T Smith 18.41 EA:
188 P Simms 18.44 HY; 189 C Reynolds 18.44 CA: 190 S Patel 18.49
BR: 191 L Wegnor 18.50 HY; 192 S
Gould 18.55 NE: 193 B Kendall
18.59 WA: 194 S Gray 19.08 CI;
195 A Mohammed 19.08 TO: 196
M Mackin 19.10 TO: 197 T Moonen 19.12 CI: 198 S Speer 19.13
KI: 199 G Peticleous 19.14 WE:
200 G Ring 19.22 LA: 201 J Powell
19.34 HA: 202 T Brown 19.35 HA:
203 W Rivers 19.41 BD: 204 H Patel 19.45 TO: 205 A Buhari 19.55
LA: 206 I Sutton 20.37 HA: 207 B
Hampton 20.53 RI: 208 D Lown
21.14 WA: 209 J Johnson 21 L23 LA:
210 A Fakhoury 21.44 BR: 21 W
Barnard 21.48 KI; 212 22.01 BR:
213 D Barrett 22.21 CI: 214 K Adedokun 25.44 HA: 215 C Brown
25.47 HM; 216 R Lzwrence 26.21
14 M: 217 A Allen 27.00 WE: 218 E
Shaw 27.03 WE: 219 K Jebarl
28.01 WE: 220 N Gseir 28.02 WE.

I F Fisher 16.48 BM; 2 L Houlihan 17.13 EN; 3 M Foley 17.15 HY; 4 S Turner 17.17 EN; 5 L Snow 17.35 NE; 6 A Guille 17.43 KE; 7 C Smith 17.47 HV; 8 A Lenzan 17.54 BX; 9 N Bailey 18.04 WA; 10 C Heath 18.05 HV; 11 G Heath 18.05 HV; 12 Z Mowatt 18.06 EA; 13 H Ritson 18.11 SU; 14 K O'Sullivan 18.15 HV; 15 N Scofield 18.16 HV; 16 Z Disson 18.17 HC; 17 L Walter 18.17 WA; 18 L O'Brien 18.18 BA; 19 K Smith 18.20 BD; 20 N Marrin 18.21 HM; 21 L Clark 18.24 HV; 22 N Lloyd 18.30 BM; 23 M Shakiba 18.35 BA; 24 S Lavey 18.37 HR; 25 L Warner 18.43 HR; 26 S Graham 18.47 BA; 27 N M O'Queen 18.47 CA; 28 L Spellen 18.47 EN; 29 C Dale 18.47 WA; 30 D Doherty 18.50 HC; 31 F Usher 18.55 BX; 32 E Wye 18.55 HC; 33 A Murray 18.56 BM; 34 S Cowdry 18.57 BX; 35 G Navsa 19.00 GR; 36 C Glbbons 19.03 BD; 37 Z Ried 19.03 WA; 38 S Moore 19.06 BD; 39 A McKenzle 19.07 NE; 40 E Aulit 19.11 HR; 41 K Lane 19.12 HR; 42 K Yarde 19.13 EA; 43 J Toland 19.14 HM; 44 I Ramsey 19.16 BA; 45 K Falrelough 19.18 SU; 46 J Walker 19.21 BX; 47 T Fox 19.21 BR; 48 L Shaw 19.23 WA; 49 L Askew 19.24 BX; 50 K Fergusson 19.25 KE; 51 E Kenny 19.29 CR; 52 M Harris

M McNamara 18.33 EN: 41 S
Rhodes 18.39 C1: 42 J Keily 18.41
LA: 45 S Harding 18.44 WA: 44 F
Powell 18.47 HV; 45 J Headley
18.48 LA: 45 S HArding 18.44 WA: 44 F
Powell 18.47 HV; 45 J Headley
18.48 LA: 46 D Brown 18.52 NE: 48 G Mai4 Heatherson 18.52 M Heselden
18.58 BX: 51 F Rigby 18.59 BD: 54
F McKay 18.57 F Rigby 18.59 BD: 54
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19.03 LE: 57 H Kembile 19.04 EN:
58.J O'Toole 19.06 HM: 59 C Shinerock 19.06 SU: 60 S Taylor 19.09
CR: 61 S Dodsworth 19.09 HA: 62
L Lynch 19.10 CR: 63 D Phillips
19.15 BD: 64 S Aguis 19.15 BD: 65
G Jenkinson 19.16 HR: 66 L Lock
19.17 BA: 67 E Farmilloe 19.17 CR:
68 L Coulti 19.17 SU; 69 L Robinson 19.18 EN: 70 H Aduya 19.18
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Sol C Tool 19.24 WA: 76 S
Sacarello 19.24 WA: 77 S Stack
19.22 NE: 78 H Lee 19.24 HM: 79 P
Westergand 19.30 GR: 80 E Adeyemi 19.31 NE: 81 J Gliby 19.32 LY:
19.34 NE: 84 D Fidge 19.36 CR: 85
C Cherrington 19.37 KI: 86 J Insh.
19.38 BA: 87 E Treanor 19.39 HR:
88 C Berry 19.41 BM: 89 K Morgan
19.41 HO: 90 H Tutmes 19.41 RI:
19.42 HD: 90 H Tutmes 19.41 RI:
19.43 HB: 100 D Kirrane 20.01 EN:
101 T Wilson 20.02 BM: 102 L Caldio 20.03 HM: 103 L Abboot 20.03
HM: 104 L Rowsome 20.04 HO:
105 K Farrell 20.04 KE: 106 T
Hawkes 20.06 WA: 107 N Tibble
20.00 HY: 108 M Dutrieu 20.11
KE Farrell 20.04 KE: 106 T
Hawkes 20.06 WA: 107 N Tibble
20.01 T Wilson 20.02 BM: 102 L Caldio 20.31 HM: 103 L Abboot 20.03
HC: 117 V Smith 20.33 RI:
118 E Redshaw 20.33 WA: 119 P
Parson 20.37 RI: 120 R Gray 20.38
KI: 121 M Wilson 20.04 KE: 106 T
Hawkes 20.06 WA: 107 N Tibble
109 L Parell 20.12 BR: 110 Z
Chen 20.23 BA: 111 E Conroy
20.24 SU: 112 L Cash-Gibson
20.25 CA: 113 E Murohy 20.29 RI: 122 L
Ward 20.42 WA: 123 N Moore
20.51 EX: 129 A Hosan
20.15 EX: 140 K Servenson
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19.31 WA: 56 E Claridge 19.32 HY:
57 K Keogh 19.32 RE: 58 C Carverhill 19.34 EA: 59 L Collier 19.34
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19.39 GR: 64 L Bail 19.40 RI: 65 A
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19.43 RI: 67 R Parry 19.45 BE: 71 G
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19.53 LA: 73 D Wilson 19.55 RE:
74 A Barker 19.56 CA: 75 S Bhaynan119.57 BD: 76 H Nicholson 19.58
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80 H Jones 20.07 CA: 81 D Ketth
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83 H Meilish 20.16 BM; 34 N Russell 20.16 HO: 35 S James 20.17
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20.20 EN: 89 T Ingram 20.20 KE:
90 F Kindrat 20.22 BA: 91 J Mortimer 20.24 WA: 92 S Ashwin
20.23 EX: 93 J Stamp 20.30 HY: 94
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21.01 WE: 123 C Doohan 21.04
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1 J Ankler 15.41 BA: 2 J Christie 15.59 HL: 3 L Deadman 16.21 HV: 4 L Miller 16.23 LE: 5 E Wright 16.39 EN: 6 S Koehne 16.40 BA: 7 H Blscoe 16.43 HV: 8 L Cossey 16.51 HV: 9 L Webb 16.54 HO: 10 L Hall 16.55 BA: 11 V Ceschi 17.06 RI: 12 H Stubbs 17.11 WA: 13 M Ehuy 17.12 NE: 14 L Comley 17.15 HV: 15 J Bleasdale 17.19 HL: 16 D Glanville 17.22 RE: 17 L Griffiths 17.26 BA: 18 L Regan 17.26 WA: 19 A Green 17.30 KI: 20 N Coleman

214 L Looker 25.22 Wa: 215 J Clinton 25.23 Cl; 216 L Holland 25.23 WE; 217 F Begum 25.24 SO: 218 H Rixon 25.37 HL; 219 R Robinson 25.54 SO: 218 H Rixon 25.37 HL; 219 R Robinson 25.56 IS; 220 G Robson 26.02 HA; 221 L Glillam 26.20 IS; 222 L Marks-Wolsey 26.21 IS; 223 K Bernstein 26.24 Cl; 224 R Soledow 27.08 TO: 225 G Legett 27.15 HA; 226 J All 28.13 TO: 227 S Gledhill 28.27 Cl; 228 A Ainfowose 28.29 SO: 229 N Mlah 28.52 TO; 230 S Demuyakor 30.16 BR; 231 L Hare 30.50 HL; 232 K Hubbard 32.05 CT: 233 B Lee 34.04 BR; 234 G Keen 34.06 BR; 235 I Adam 35.09 BR.

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15.38 NC: 3 B Ellis 15.46 MA: 4 R
Davis 16.00 BR: 5 S Hoggins 16.13
NC: 6 M Kleron 16.16 CC: 7 D Wylle
16.18 CC: 8 D Froggart 16.22
MA: 9 D Terry 16.22 MA: 10 P Wilcox 16.26 DE: 11 A Bonnert 16.32
NR: 12 A Tallo 16.24 MR: 10 P Wilcox 16.26 DE: 11 A Bonnert 16.32
NR: 12 A Tallo 16.44 BR: 13 H
Karlsen 10.45 GL: 14 B Raifnes
16.46 SA: 15 E Curr 16.55 DE: 16
M Doherry 16.55 NR: 17 M Balley
16.57 MA: 18 A Jones 16.58 CC: 19
S Marshall 17.05 NC: 20 K Richards 17.11 BR: 21 D Docherry
17.13 GL: 22 D Owens 17.14 ED:
23 C Herman 17.15 NO: 24 L Parker (7.17 Li: 25 J Gibson 17.18 ED:
26 J Murray 17.21 MA: 27 S Ansell
17.26 BI: 28 O Crocker 17.27 CA:
29 T Dowling 17.29 NC: 30 Z Carnell 17.36 DE: 31 M Knox 17.38
NC: 32 J Chung 17.42 NC: 33 B
Kimmet 17.44 GL: 34 J Eventon
17.46 CA: 35 S Hunt 17.46 CA: 36 T
Whitehurs: 17.48 DE: 37 I McDoriaid 17.50 BE: 38 A HIslop 17.54 GL:
39 W Denholm 17.54 LI: 40 A Goater 17.55 PO: 41 S Young 17.55 PO:
42 R Groves 17.57 CO: 43 K Johal
18.03 NO: 44 L Kenyon 18.07 MA:
45 S Duffy 18.10 NO: 46 S
MCPheely 18.12 ED: 47 G Quaid
18.13 BI: 48 K Pilumb 18.13 NR:49
M Wong 18.13 NR:50 J Nichoison
18.18 ED; 51 M Minshall 18.21
NO: 52 P Anstey 18.23 BR: 53 A
Packwood 18.25 LI: 54 J Lawson
18.26 DE: 55 J Harrison 18.28 DE:
56 K Anderson 18.29 GL: 57 R Maclead 18.40 SA: 58 T Smith 18.21
NO: 52 P Anstey 18.23 BR: 53 A
Packwood 18.45 SH: 60 M Rickents 18.48 BI: 61 H Jones 18.50 CA:
62 D Waiker 18.56 CO: 63 R Cable
18.56 ED: 64 R Limb 18.56 NO: 65
J Gerrie 18.57 LI: 66 A Broughton
18.58 BR: 67 N Watts 18.59 CO: 68
D Spalding 19.02 GL: 69 C Easthall 19.02 NR: 70 B Cockayne
19.08 SH: 71 E Molyneaux 19.11
PO: 72 S Goodhall 19.13 CA: 73 T
Barnard 19.14 SA: 79 R Jary 19.47 NR: 80
Lowe 19.48 SA: 81 D O'Donnell
19.55 BI: 82 J Nobes 20.20 PO: 85 P

BOYS 13-14 1 C Ridley 14.33 NC: 2 G Broome 14.46 MA: 3 A Gray 14.51 GL: 4 S Thirlwell 15.13 NC: 5 L Fanous 15.14 NO: 6 N Hammond 15.16 NO: 7 S McGlone 15.29 LI: 8 M Osborne 15.29 SA: 9 C Hendry 15.32 GL: 10 J Griggs 15.41 CO; 11 S Jeffrey 15.42 BI; 12 C Bradwell 15.42 SH: 13 G Spink 15.45 MA: 14 N Brickman 15.46 DE: 15 M Ross 15.53 MA: 16 A Scott 15.54 GL: 17 M McCulloch 15.55 DE: 18 J McLaren 15.55 GL: 19 O Bardam 15.57 BR: 20 S Pemberton 15.58 CO; 21 M Jackson 16.00 DE: 22 S Smith 16.05 BI: 23 M Emins 16.06 BI: 24 M Foody 16.13 NC: 25 D Worgan 16.14 BR: 26 G Thomson 16.15 GL: 27 M Hallas 16.20 NC: 28 K Taylor 16.21 CO: 29 S Richardson 16.28 MA: 30 M Laws 16.29 NC: 31 C Stevens 16.31 LI; 32 E Hopkinson 16.41 DE: 33 E Wattam 16.45 KI: 34 S Phythlan 16.46 MA: 35 P Purves 16.51 ED: 36 S Phillips 16.52 BR: 37 P Haggerty 16.54 GL; 38 J Cole 17.02 BI:

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BR=Bnstol
CA=Candri
CO=Coventry
DE=Derby
ED=Estrburgh
CI = Glasgow
LI=Liverpool
MA=Manchester
NC=Newcastle
NO=Nortlingham
NR=Norwich
PD=Portsmouth
SH=Sheffleld

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90YS 15-17 i M Loie 13.42 CO: 2 J Coilins 13.45 SA: 3 M Nicholson 13.51 NC: 4 N Phillips 13.54 SA: 5 C Hard-man, 14.06 MA: 6 S Campbell 14.10 ED: 7 M McEvoy 14.12 MA: 8 S Wacisvski 14.13 GL: 9 T Bed-ford 14.20 SA: 10 I Purves 14.22 ED: 11 J McLaren 14.22 GL; 12 D



1 Dwayne Cooke 10.43; 2 Michael Nevitt 11.08; 3 Michelle Lewis 12.09; 4 Brian Alidis 12.26; 5 Hugh Anderson 12.45; 6 Liam Hughes 13.25; 7 Jonathon Desmond 14.14; 8 Joe Myers 14.37; 9 Lee Walker 14.51; 10 Dieter Gerrard 15.45; 11 Sean Kelly 16.18; 12 Danielle Morrison 16.25; 13 Andrew Tongue 17.03; 14 Michael Bincky 25.31; 15 Barry McDonald 26.57; 16 David Walker 44.23; 17 Melanie Ann Gornall 53.21.



Magowan 20.02 NC: 25 N Sullivan 20.05 BR: 26 1 Heathfield 20.08 CO: 27 E Le Cornu 20.25 CO; 28 R Findley 20.32 CO: 29 T Whiteside 20.34 NR: 30 R Harrington 20.36 CA: 31 A Weetch 20.37 GL: 32 C Cotrell 20.39 BI: 33 K Stuart 20.39 CO: 34 S Morgan 20.42 PO: 35 R Biles 20.43 CO: 36 E Hodge 20.44 ED: 37 K Nolgan 20.44 GL: 38 L Holland 20.45 CO: 39 M Davie 20.45 ED: 40 K Bowier 20.45 NO: 41 Holland 20.45 CO: 39 M Davie 20.45 ED: 40 K Bowier 20.45 NO: 41 Holland 20.45 CA: 47 S McPherson 20.59 ED: 44 K Bennert 21.06 NO; 45 L Hewin 21.12 BI; 46 R Klinick 21.14 CA: 47 P Pettinger 21.15 NC; 48 I Smith 21.16 NC: 49 S Roughneen 21.21 LI: 50 S Carey 21.24 CA: 51 F Wilkinson 21.25 PO: 52 A Jackson 21.24 ED: 53 K Tyers 21.38 MA: 54 J Chan 21.41 SA: 55 M Farrell 21.45 BR: 56 L Hamblin 21.45 BR: 57 L Parkin 21.56 SH: 58 J McGarvey 22.04 GI; 59 C Plant 22.04 SH: 60 H Dennis 22.05 SA: 61 E Barnes 22.07 NR: 62 H O'Brien 22.07 NR: 63 A Hinchillf 22.14 NO: 64 J Clarice 22.28 BI: 65 L Joseph 22.29 BI: 66 L Brumby 22.30 SH: 67 R Payne 22.35 PO: 68 L Dugan 22.41 LI: 69 F Jarrell 23.24 PO: 70 A Harbridge 22.50 SA: 71 E Pill 23.04 BR: 72 R Du Feu 23.23 PO: 73 L Hanham 23.26 BR: 74 L Bence 23.26 CA: 75 B Collins 23.28 CA: 76 M Taylor 23.25 BC: 77 R Needs 23.31 SH; 78 K Lennon 23.35 NO: 79 K Cavadino 23.51 LI: McCvabe 24.46 MA: 83 C Danks 24.46 MA: 84 S Cook 24.52 SA: 85 L Vickers 25.08 NC: 86 A Storty 25.40 NC. i J Bridson 17.06 Li; 2 C Oldfield 17.18 Bl; 3 H Sellers 18.26 PO; 4.5 Cronin 18.29 NO; 5 C Shedwick 18.37 MA; 6 E Stratton 18.44 NR; 7 E Halsail 18.51 Li; 8 S Kuczona 19.02 NR; 9 A Reynold 19.10 DE; 10 A Elllot 19.12 GL; 11 V Metcalfe 19.15 DE; 12 A Lishman 19.15 NO; 13 F Brooke 19.15 SA; 14 D Roadhouse 19.16 SH; 15 N Morgan 19.23 SH; 16 S Williams 19.37 DE; 17 H Beardsley 19.37 DE; 18 L Fraser-Moodle 19.38 DE; 19 K Scott 19.51 GL; 20 L Ely 19.54 NR; 21 D Smith 19.57 MA; 22 K Thurman 20.01 DE; 23 S Pratt 20.01 SA; 24 K

I V Webster 16.43 SA: 2 H Stevenson 16.53 GL; 3 E Smith 16.59 NR; 4 L Stevens 17.01 GL; 5 R Hole 17.06 CA: 6 L Caple 17.10 DE; 7 K Wilson 17.11 LL; 8 H Wilkinson 17.18 LL: 9 G Coombs 17.19 NR: 10 R Buxton 17.46 Bl; 11 R Hughes 17.46 GL; 12 A Beilars 17.47 NR: 13 N Gunderson 18.00 LL; 14 H Lucas 18.14 NC: 15 H Brookes 18.16

BI: 16 L Sutherland 18.21 GL; 17 K
Rackstraw 18.23 CO; 18 E Gerrard
18.24 NR; 19 A Davie 18.27 ED; 20
C Wyer 18.28 NO; 21 G Cairns
18.30 GL; 22 H Chapple 18.35 LI;
23 L Cookson 18.38 MA; 24 F
18.45 CA; 26 K Williamson 18.48
MA; 27 H Ager 19.00 DE; 28 K Davles 19.03 NR; 29 M Hodge 19.05
ED; 30 C Rumley 19.18 BR; 31 D
Nankervis 19.19 BI; 32 C Maslowska 19.25 NO; 33 F Peters 19.33 NC;
34 S Smith 19.39 SA; 35 H Jones
19.43 DE; 36 K Ferguson 19.55
GL; 37 J Collison 19.55 NR; 38 J Anderson 20.05 Li; 39 S Powell 20.06
CO; 40 C Willis 20.10 PO; 41 S
Rhodes 20.11 CO; 42 N Menage
20.15 CO; 43 M Ryan 20.17 MA; 44
D Hume 20.20 ED; 45 M Humphrey 20.22 SA; 46 E Hobson
20.23 BI; 47 B McGowan 20.25
DE; 48 C Fry 20.25 ED; 49 D Bamkin 20.30 BI; 47 B McGowan 20.25
DE; 48 C Fry 20.25 ED; 49 D Bamkin 20.30 BR; 54 V Westwood
20.23 BI; 47 B McGowan 20.55
S6 N Huil 20.56 BI; 57 K Thompson 20.57 SA; 58 E Craigs 21.05
NC; 59 S Howle 21.05 NC; 60 A Arnold 21.07 SH; 61 L Young 21.11
DE; 62 R Sumner 21.13 MA; 63 S
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21.27 BR; 68 R Sullivan 21.14 G CA;
69 K Ellis 21.48 PO; 70 S Dixon
21.50 BR; 71 R Goldstone 21.57
CA: 72 S Skrzypkowiak 21.58 CA;
73 H McMahon 22.08 NO; 74 J
Oram 22.11 SH; 75 L O'Donnell
22.31 SH; 60 N Lairam 22.35 CO;
77 S Thomas 22.37 CA; 78 H Grani
22.42 PO: 80 K MacLeod 2.24 ED;
Wild 22.56 SH; 83 E Boden 23.03
SH; 87 C Pugh 26.01 NC.

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10 S Toner 17.55 MA: 11 L Murphy
17.55 MA: 12 T McChee 17.57 ED:
13 R Wood 17.58 DE: 14 E Blackwood 17.58 GL: 15 F McWhinter
18.66 GL: 16 B Thomas 18.12 CA:
17 K Waine 18.13 NR: 18 R Amson.
18.30 DE: 19 C McGowan 18.37
DE: 20 S Shaw 18.52 CO: 21 H Ripper 18.53 SA: 22 S Hole 19.05 CA:
23 M Umblela 19.05 CA: 24 J
Owens 19.09 SA: 25 R Onell
19.10 BR: 26 R McNiven 19.16 ED:
27 H Henderson 19.24 SA: 28 K
MacPherson 19.27 ED; 29 A Dodd
19.28 CO: 30 S Mullen 19.34 CO:
31 J Wheeler 19.35 Bl; 32 E Kirby.
20.03 PO: 33 E Easthall 20.05 NR:
34 M Manning 20.16 Li; 55 K Banahan 20.26 NO: 36 J Brooke.
20.30 SA: 37 C Preston 20.47 Li; 38
C Russell 20.55 NR: 39 M Pickering 21.00 MA: 40 S Mistry 21.05
PO: 41 S Phillips 21.06 BR: 42 S
Arthur 21.15 ED: 43 K McNamara
21.21 Li; 44 R Poustle 21.23 BR: 45
H Stead 21.24 PO; 46 S Patel 21.25
CO: 47 J Kingdon 21.25 ED: 48 C
OFlynn 21.29 MA: 49 J Mullally
21.31 Li: 50 L Nicholas 21.37 CA:
51 L Nicholas 21.38 CA: 52 K Poddy 21.42 DE: 53 K Gillan 21.43
DE: 54 V Ludford 21.49 NO: 56 S Davies
21.53 CA: 57 S Reighley 21.53 SH:
58 S Cutting 22.01 NR: 59 S Remi22.16 NC: 60 N Appleton 22.18
BR: 61 S Gillett 22.28 CO: 62 L
Banks 22.31 BI: 63 M M McGling
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22.53 NO: 71 F Ahearn 22.54 Bi72 K Green 25.00 ED: 73 C Edwards 23.03 NO: 74 C Dooley
23.39 SH: 78 R Gallagher 23.31
NO: 79 K Jessop 23.55 NC: 80 C Light
SH: 85 C Chapter 23.38 NC: 86 C
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THE GOOD UNIVERSITY GUIDE

Study where to go

Choosing a course becomes ever more confusing. John O'Leary offers help

hoosing a university place was never easy, but it has become even more confusing in recent years. Not only are more courses available, but prospective students are bombarded by glitzy promotional material and a wealth of advice on where to find the cheapest pint of beer and the coolest nightclubs. The only information that is lacking is how the universities

compare academically.

The Good University
Guide, which will run all this week in The Times, is an attempt to fill that gap. Alone among the guides that now pack the bookstores and newsstands, it offers a pointer to the best degree programmes in a growing range of subjects, as well as ranking whole univer-

Over the next four days, the guide will provide information on the top courses in more than 40 subjects and on choosing between Oxford and Cambridge colleges, examine the opportunities for work experience and offer advice on the annual scramble for student accommodation. The series will culminate on Friday with the 1999 edition of the original university league table.

Not surprisingly, the intro-duction of tuition fees for fulltime undergraduates has made prospective students even more discriminating about their choice of course and wary about whether to take a degree at all. Though the collapse in applications predicted by some critics has not materialised, subject choices seem to have been affected.

Mindful of the competition for graduate jobs, applicants are looking for quality and also gravitating towards the more vocational subjects. The pattern established in Australia, which began charging for higher education more than a decade ago, is being repeated in Britain. Computing and some branches of engineering are experiencing a boom as teacher training and some arts

subjects struggle. The latest statistics from the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas), published on Friday, show a 2.5 per cent drop in the number of applications for higher education courses: almost 20,000 fewer than at the end of



The rewards of academic application: undergraduates from Durham University on their way to receiving their degrees

March 1998. But the decline is due entirely to the continuing reluctance of mature students to commit themselves to extra expense and, to a lesser extent. the drying-up of previously fertile markets in South-East Asia and the Republic of Ire-

Applications from British

school-leavers show a slight increase, as they did last year. There are only 245 more out of 284,000, but the relief among ministers was palpable, not least because they have planned for 36,000 more students in October. Baroness Blackstone, the Education and Employment Minister, said: "These figures clearly demonstrate the continuing strong demand that exists for higher education and that the reforms we introduced to provide proper funding and allow for the expansion of higher education were right."

Tony Higgins, the chief executive of Ucas, said: "The drop in the number of mature applicants is disappointing, but the Government's recent announcement of initiatives to widen participation among mature applicants and disadvantaged groups should help to tackle this and is to be wel-

ore than 20,000 of the new places will be for part-timers, who have always paid fees and whose applications have not shown the same decline as those for full-time courses. Universities are also being offered incentives to recruit more students from poor backgrounds, something higher education as a whole has failed to do despite the dramatic expansion of student numbers over the past 20 years.

Most universities will have some extra Government-funded places under the £75 million scheme to widen participation, but some with an overwhelmingly middle-class intake will receive only a handful, while others are allocated several hundred.

Apart from the Open Uni-versity, Sheffield Hallam will most of its 1,595 additional places will not be at full-time degree level. The largest allocation of full-time degree places will be at Nottingham Univerwhere a new campus opens this year. Almost 1,000 extra places will be funded, easing the pressure slightly on the most sought-after courses in the higher education sys-tem. There are 14 applications to each place and entry requirements are among the

highest in Britain. Hull University is next on the provisional allocation agreed by the Higher Educa-tion Funding Council for England, with almost 978 new places. The exercise will be repeated for entry in 2000.

The indications are that there will be a place some-where in the higher education for most of those hoping to start a course this year or next. but competition for the top degrees will be as fièrce as ever. Careful preparation and investigation of all the options will be needed to ensure the best possible chance of success with the top courses.

• For Internet users, the guide will remain available on The Times website (http://www. the-times.co.uk). An expanded paperback version, with profiles of each university and details of their teaching quality assessment, will be published at the end of the month.

Students make Leeds the top choice

LEEDS University is the top choice of candidates for this autumn's higher education places, according to the latest figures issued by admissions officers, John O'Leary writes. But De Montfort University has registered by fair the biggest rise in applications.

The big civic universities, with their wide range of courses, always attract the largest number of applications. But their populari-ty has dipped this year, with applications down by more than 10 per cent in some cases. Although Leeds had experienced a marginal decline when the statistics were sent to universities last month, the university has replaced Manchester as the most common choice for 1999.

A group of former polytechnics is now

closing in on the civic universities. Sheffield m, for example, was one of only eight universities with more than 30,000 applications when the statistics were comp was fewer than 2,000 behind Sheffield University, compared with more than 5,000 on the same date in 1998.

De Montfort University, based in Leices-ter but with campuses in Bedford, Lincolnshire and Milton Keynes, is another closing in on the traditional leaders. It already has more applications than Liverpool, for example, having registered an increase of almost 20 per cent in a year.

Two of the youngest universities have also recorded big rises, albeit on much smaller bases. Lincolnshire and Humber-

side, which opened its Lincoln campus only two years ago, has seen a 14 per cent in-ercase in applications this year, and Abertay—the last Scottish university to be established—is not far behind, with 13.5

At the other end of the table, two other former polytechnics are struggling. Luton, the last English university to join the ranks, has seen applications fall by almost a quarter Thames Valley University, which was the subject of a highly critical report by the Quality Assurance Agency is down by al-most a fifth. The University of Wales, Lampeter, has experienced the biggest decline n percentage terms, but the small size o the college can exaggerate the size of such

The table below is very different from last year's, which saw Thames Valley record the piggest increase in applications and Buckingham the biggest decline. Thames Valley subsequently missed its recruitment targets, incurring a fine from the funding council. Only an action plan agreed by the council last Friday has rescued the university from serious financial difficulties.

The applications statistics have always been a jealously guarded secret at this time of year, with universities fearing that poor carly figures could deter those still to make a decision. From this month, however, they are to be published regularly by the Univer-sities and Colleges Admissions Service.

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What to borrow, how to find it

ife is about to become yet more expensive for students. Last autumn tuition fees for full-time undergraduates were introduced and this year eligibility for full government loans is to be re-

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Part of the student loan will be means-tested for the first time, leaving many undergradaates to borrow more expensively from the private sector if they cannot find the money elsewhere. One worried mother, who asked not to be named for fear of embarrassing her daughter. shocked to find that the difference would be almost £1,000. which the family could ill af-

Tuition fees will rise to a maximum of £1,025 for the 1999-2000 academic year, and will go up again the year after in line with inflation. Fee suport will be available through our local education authority LEA) and this will be meansested in the same way as the old grants were. As soon as ou have received an offer of a place at university, even a conlitional offer, you should con-act your LEA to discover vhether you are entitled to my help.

Your university or college vill decide when exactly the ees will be payable each year. viosi are accepting payment n stages, rather than insisting m the whole amount in adance.

As for anyone else, a stuient's cost of living will vary nmensely depending primarion location. Financially cripling London is thus acknowldged with a larger student can, although many other outhern cities are also notoriusly expensive and do not regive any such weighting.

After the family, student ians remain the main source Help is available for the daunting costs of going to college, reports Suzie Mazure

of financial support. They are intended as a cheap way to borrow money to finance yourself through university so interest on these loans is only linked to inflation. Repayment starts the April after you have finished your course, provided that you are earning above the threshold of £10,000.

The size of each repayment will vary depending on exactly how much you are earning and will be deducted at source along with your income tax and national insurance contributions. Payments may be deferred if your income falls be-low this level.

Prospective students must apply to their LEA for a loan when they apply for support towards tuition fees. Your LEA will assess the exact amount of the loan to which you are entitled. You must then tell the Student Loans Company this sum and the SLC will pay it to you in three instalments throughout the year, the first one arriv-

LOANS FOR 2000

1999-2000, the maximum loan vailable will be:

For students living away from Full W

3,635 2,875 ing before term starts in September.

All students on eligible

courses who are aged under 50, and now those between 50 and 54 who plan to return to work after studying, will be en-titled to about three quarters of the maximum loan available. However, eligibility for the remaining quarter of the loan will be means-tested and whether or not you receive this will depend on your income or, for school-leavers, that of your family. Those who are disqualified by the means-test will be restricted to £3,360 for a full year in London and £2,727 elsewhere if they are living away from home. The equivalent for those living at home will be £2,167.

upplementary grants may be available for some students to top up the loans to the previous level of the maintenance grants. The main beneficiaries will be disabled students, those with dependants, those incurring travel costs in certain circumstances and those leaving care to enter higher education.

Again, your LEA will handle applications for these allowances. All these grants are means-tested, except those for disabled students. Exact details of who will

qualify are available from your LEA, or from the Department for Education and Employment, whose leaflet Financial Support for Students in 1999-2000 is available by phoning 0800-731 9133.

If you can convince your university or college of your need, you may be entitled to a hardship loan of £250 a year, repayable in the same way as the student loan. Similarly, you may apply to your university or colege for a limited amount of help from their access fund.



Claire Lee traded on the Internet to raise her fee for the European Business School

Learning at a price

any students and their families find tuition fees and living costs a burden, but almost 200 British students go to the European Business School, in Central London, where the fees are £8,000 a year. The minimum entry requirement is two A levels and the ability to pay the fees, which does scare off many applicants

The school says that its stu-dents, one in five of whom is British, earn £25,000 after graduating from the four-year course, which includes a vear's work experience. They can double that within four years of leaving.

Not all have private means or wealthy parents to pick up the tab. Claire Lee, who is in her first year, left her sixthform college in Hampshire without the necessary grades to secure her place at Edin-burgh University. She ended up working in Japan before learning of EBS. Her well-

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Costly fees can prove a wise investment, says

Hugh Thompson

heeled parents balked at the fees after 12 years of paying for independent schooling, so while in Japan Ms Lee started exporting cars to Britain via the Internet. With that and some language teaching, the first year's fees were raised. This summer she returns to Japan to work as a personal assistant for three months.

At the age of 21. Tobias Mews used money left to him by his father to further his career ambitions. He says: "The fact that I will end up computer-literate, with work experience in three countries and with good job prospects means I will quickly make my money back."

who has lived in the UK most of his life and went to Harrow, cannot understand what all the fuss about fees is about.

"Whatever British university I went to," he comments, "I would have to pay tuition fees and, compared to the US. they seem reasonable. And this university has a better record than most in turning students into people who make money."

This year EBS is offering one full scholarship and two of halffees. Trevor Francis, winner of the 1998 full scholarship, went to a comprehensive school in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, and a further education college in Welwyn Garden City, where he got a GNVQ in business studies. Greenwich, North London, Middlesex and Hertfordshire universities offered him places, but he tiked the combination of a William Sells, an American business degree with Chinese.

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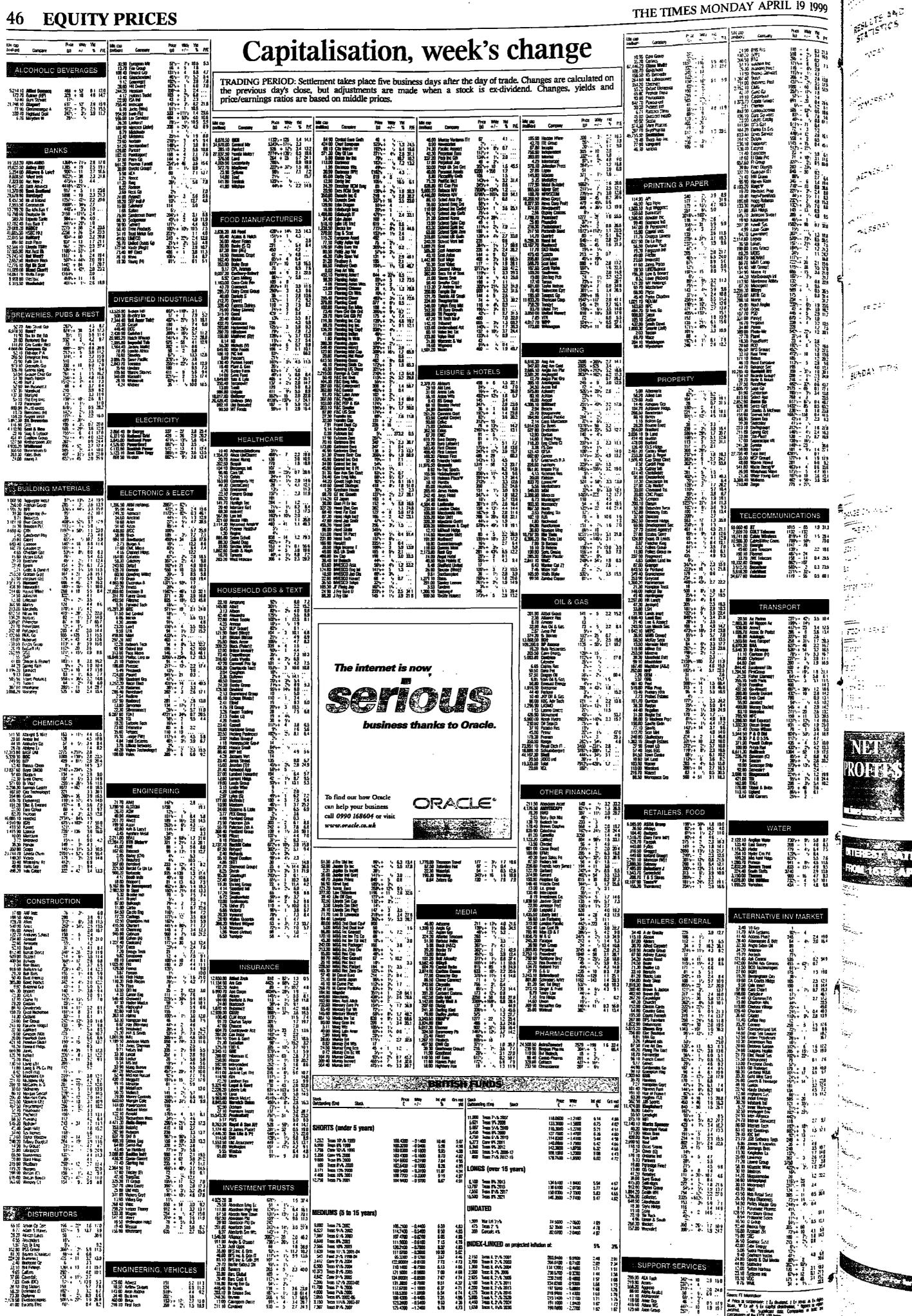
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ns: none listed. Finals: Austin Reed, World Telecom. Economic statistics: GDP (Q1).

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Sytner, Hogg Robinson, Sherwood. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Power-Gen. Debenhams, Eidos, Bulmer: Sell Skillsgroup. The Observer. Buy John Lusty. The Mail on Sunday. Buy Saatchi & Saatchi. Sunday Express: Buy Rosebys, Mowlem, Clydeport; Hold Mayflower.

ABF management under microscope

COMPANIES

ASSOCIATED BRITISH FOODS: ABF starts the week's reporting of results with the publication of its inter-

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im figures today.

The numbers are likely to be pretty dull. Henderson Crosthwaite, the stockbroker with a strong reputation for its coverage of food companies, expects the group to make £194 millon for the six months to last March. In the comparable previous period, it made £193

However, observers will look keenly for signs of change in the management approach. Garry Weston, chairman and chief executive of the group since 1967 and the man who invented Wagon Wheels, told shareholders last December that Peter Jackson — who currently heads ABF's British Sugar arm - would step up into the chief executive role. In addition, ABF disclosed at the end of March that it was appointing John Bason as fin-

ance director. The post had been vacant before his appointment. However, Mr Jackson does not take up his postion until June, and Mr Bason — formerly with the packaging group Bunzl - does not start until

May. ABF has a long and strong track record. However, its shares have suffered in recent months as doubts circulated about the impact of the strong pound on its profitability.

The group sells many prod-ucts — including Kingsmill bread, Silver Spoon sugar and Twinings teas - through the supermarkets, and the stores

have kept their suppliers in a vice-like price grip.

ABF also has about £1.4 billion of cash. There may be news about plans to use this money on acquisitions — per-haps in the US and on higher added-value ingredients products. However, with interest rates on the downward path over the past six months, the income from this pile of cash is likely to have fallen — a fact that exerts more pressure on

ABF's profitability. It is thought that the dividend will edge up to 4.5p.

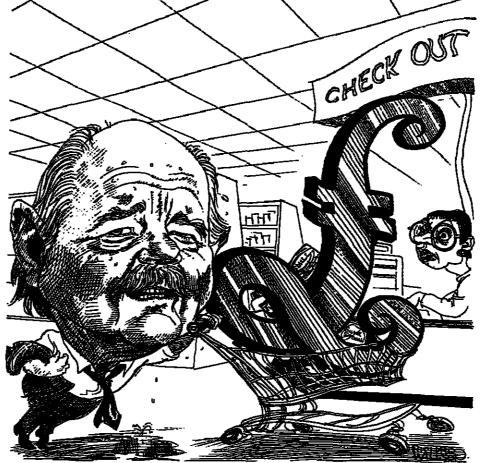
DEBENHAMS: After being crowned Retailer of the Year in the Retail Week awards two months ago, Debenhams will have much to live up to when it returns its interim results tomorrow.

Terry Green, who has been chief executive of the department store company since its demerger from Burton Group last year, has already given warning that underlying sales were down 2.5 per cent over the Christmas period, with to-tal sales down 1.4 per cent.

However, City analysts be-lieve that the underlying decline will have steadied to 2 per cent in recent weeks, with total sales up by 1.8 per cent. The company will have made heavy price cuts to shift

unwanted Christmas stock,

which is certain to have taken its toll of profit margins. BT Alex Brown, the broker, expects profits of £77.7 million for the six months to February, against E77.1 million last time. Earnings per share should creep up by 0.lp. to



Garry Weston is forecast to wheel in £194 million profits from Associated British Foods today

Provisions are expected to fall.

The dividend is tipped to rise

by 15.2 per cent, to 11.4p for the

13.9p, and the interim dividend should be 4.4p (3.9p).

BANK OF SCOTLAND: The group looks poised to report annual profits of more than £1 billion, up 37 per cent, on Wednesday. The profits will be boosted by a £164 million gain on the sale of the Countrywide Bank of New Zealand. However, underlying profits are still expected to have increased by year, with a final payment of 7.4p. The bank is also expected 13 per cent. The main driver of to give more details of its linkthis is expected to be the 10 per up with Pat Robertson, the US preacher, and his Christian cent increase in net interest income on the back of strong television network. growth. Group costs are forecast to come in at £998 million.

ICI: The chemicals group is likely to strengthen calls for more disposals with the release of its first-quarter results

on Thursday. The embattled company, which is trying to convince investors that a heavy restructuring pro-

gramme is the panacea for its ills, is expected to announce a 56 per cent slump in pre-tax profits, to £38 million, for the three months. The company is in the

throes of switching from commodity chemicals to specialty products. It is sure to use last week's £1.7 billion sale of a string of businesses as evi-dence that this process is well under way. However, this deal alone is

unlikely to have appeased the market. Huge net debt, slower growth in industrial markets and the Asian malaise still mar ICI's trading outlook.

BT Alex Brown, the broker, says that profits from ICI's core businesses are likely to have risen by 5 per cent in the first quarter, but that the gains will be wiped out by a profit plunge of £40 million in industrial chemicals.

AUSTIN REED: The extent of the tough times on the high street will be evident in Austin Reed's full-year profit result. due to be released on Friday. The menswear retailer is tipped to report a 29 per cent drop in pre-tax earnings, to £6 million, after adjustments for its acquisition of Country Cas-

uals in January last year. The company disclosed in January that like-for-like retail sales in the second half were down 12 per cent.

Adjusted earnings per share are forecast to drop from 18.5p to 13.1p, though the net dividend is expected to be steady at 7.5p.

PAUL ARMSTRONG

ECONOMIC: OUTLOOK

s the UK economy sinking into recession? After 0.1 per cent growth in the last quarter of 1998. markets and ministers will watch the estimate of first quarter gross domestic product on Friday. Median City's forecast is for repeat 0.1 per cent growth but HSBC looks for 0.2 and Paribas sees 0.3 per cent. March retail sales, due on Thursday, are seen rising 0.2 per cent, but optimists

see a lot more. In a busy week for UK statistics, tomorrow's public finance figures are least predictable. A consensus £6.9 million deficit in March UK would leave the annual surplus on the Chancellor's PSNCR measure £5 billion higher than be predicted in the Budget.

March producer prices today and retail inflation tomorrow should show little underlying change. Recovery in oil is expected to push March input prices back up by I per cent but make little difference to out-put price inflation of 0.2 per cent year on year. The RPIX measure of consum-er price inflation is likely to be back up to 27 per cent but falling mortgage rates could leave headline inflation unchanged at 21.

On Wednesday, average earnings growth may retreat again from 4.3 to 4.1 per cent in January while unemployment will likely be up by 6.000-10.000. Watch the April Monetary Policy Committee minutes to see if members split over the rate cut. GRAHAM SEARJEANT

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(b) A form of blight. Equals brand. The Latin uredo means blight, blast or itch. 1832:

(b) Light blue, or a light blue kind of cloth. From the Italian turchinio, "little Turk", meaning blue, azure or watcher.

(a) A cape or cloak worn by men, and also by women in the 19th century. The eponym of François Joseph Talma, French tragedian (1763-1826), 1860; "If a lion's skin could have been substi-

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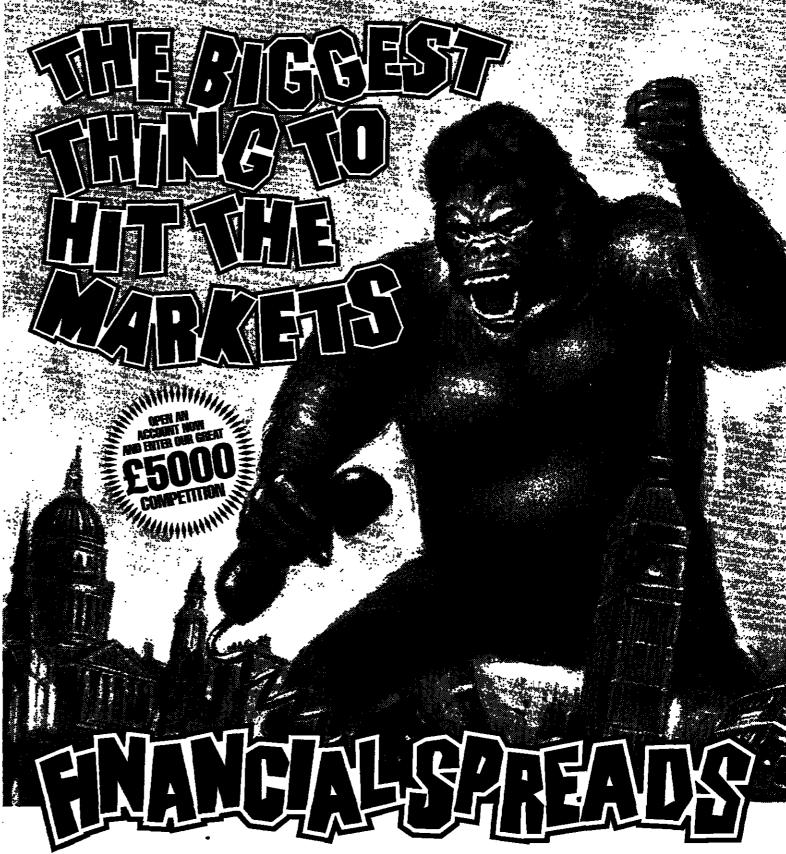
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THE FACTS

£3.2 billion. Armusi sales: £432 million. Pre-tax profits: £88.9 million (before exceptionals).

Employees: 5,500. **Business areas:** Misys supplies software for the banking industry — both retail and commercial - on a worldwide basis as well as for the insurance industry in the UK and the medical profession in the US.

THE BOARD

Kevin Lomax, chairman. was one of the founders of Misys in 1979. His background is industrial, being a managing director of a subsidiary of Hanson, and later a director of the Hanson-backed Manufacturing and Trading Company. He was nonexecutive chairman of Misys from 1980 to 1985, and has been executive chair-

Stone Macpherson, deputy chairman, is a former merchant banker at Robert

Howard Evans, finance director, loined last year from Courtaulds, where he had also been finance director. He replaced Ross railbarn who had been finance director since Misys floated in 1987 but is now corporate development di-

Milke O'Leary, who has with Misys since 1986, runs the insurance and information systems side, while John Sussens, a former polytechnic lecturer who later worked with Lomax at Central Manufacturing and Trading Company, is managing director of the rest of the group.

Among the non-executives, Misys boasts a genuine rocket scientist. George Gray started his career as a spacecarft design engineer at RCA in Canada. He led the management buyout of RCA's service division which became Serco, a UK-listed

Tony Alexander, the senior non-executive, was a colleague of Lomax's at Hanson, rising to become chief operating officer be-

The third non-executive is Chuck Farr, a former Mc-Kinsey director who went on to be vice-chairman of American Express before retiring in 1998.

Misys's success as a flash in the pan. The banking, insurance and medical software group has enjoyed a staggering rise in its financial fortunes during the latter part of the 1990s. Its shares rose tenfold in three years, peaking last summer after Misys

joined the FTSE 100. Then the Cassandras attacked, claiming that the company was benefiting overly from work to deal with the launch of the euro and the year 2000 bug, and that valuations in information technology had gone too far anyway. Misys's value dropped and the company was ejected from the FTSE 100. But it recovered to make a return this year.

Although Kevin Lomax, Misys's founder and chairman, claims he does not worry overly about the fluctuations in the company's share price. he is determined to ensure the group becomes a permanent fixture in the index of Britain's leading companies.

Dealing with the second issue first - Mr Lomax points out that British IT companies tend to be less highly rated than equivalent US companies and that Misys is less highly rated that some of its peers. such as Logica or Sema.

The company is considering starting an ADR program in the US. This is less to help Misys's rating, as a quarter of its shares are already owned hy US institutions, than to enable it to offer shares for US acquisitions and to US-based staff as part of the company's widespread share incentive

As for the former worry -Mr Lomax claims that the euro and year 2000 issues affect only the company's bank-ing software side, although this currently contributes 58 per cent of Misys's revenues and 73 per cent of profits. He admits freely that the

euro gave Misys a big one-off boost during 1998. "We went live with 300 banks on January 4," he says. "The euro was a one-off and lifted revenues above normal growth rates. There was a 40 per cent growth during 1998, while we think the more normal growth rate will be 20 per cent per an-

The year 2000 bug will also bring abnormal growth - although Misys does no work solving year 2000 problems for banks. It is simply that many banks have junked old systems and started afresh as way of dealing with the bug. This will push growth rates to

30 per cent this year. However, in spite of this massive increase in spending. Mr Lomax sticks with his 20 per cent growth prediction in Misys's banking business.

CONFORTE PROFILE: Misys





Kevin Lomax, chairman, above left, is determined that Misys will become a permanent fixture in the index of Britain's companies. The banking, insurance and medical software group is developing an Internet product, called Screentrade, and is a leading player in America with +Medic

Misys covers the whole

And this is the reason why. Mr Lomax argues that most of the IT spending by banks over the past two years has been to repair what they already have. They have not been spending on new technology either to improve service or cut costs. This has, however, allowed new entrants to the market - such as Prudential Corporation or Standard Life in the UK - to attack their market.

The banks' reaction to this is either to invest in new product or to merge with their rivals. Either of these two events tends to help Misys. For example, when UBS and Swiss Bank Corporation merged, the company decided that it had to integrate its private banking systems. The two computer systems the banks used were not compatible, so a whole new system is being built

based on Misvs software. The other point Mr Lomax makes is that the experience of the year 2000 bug has made

banks realise that having scores of in-house engineers developing proprietary computer systems is simply a waste of time, energy and money, producing half-baked solutions that do not always work. Banks are fed up with being a beta test site for their own products," Mr Lomax argues. It is more sensible to buy a product that is already working in 60 or 70 other sites."

banking waterfront in Europe. ing, and hopes to find a compa-

from retail banking to futures trading and risk management. In the US it has a strong presence in the trading and wholesale lending side -- particular-ly after last year's purchase of the CATS risk management software business in California. Misys is looking for a deal to take it in to US retail bank-

WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

"Like a lot of really great stocks, Misys has spent its life climb ing a wall of scepticism. However, the company does overcome this scenticism because it is so well run. Kevin Lomax runs this company to make money, not to change the world. Misys is the Harvard Business School of the technology sector." Keith Woolcock, Nomura

"It is a market leader in the retail and investment banking sec tor. There is a very strong management culture of cash, cash, cash, which is essential for a company which does not have much in the way of asset backing.

Ian Spence, WestLB Panmure

ny such as CATS, a small, fastgrowing business that can benefit from Misys's salesforce

Although banking is the bed-rock upon which Misys was built, the company has developed two other business areas insurance and medical. The insurance business is al-

and distribution network.

most completely UK based. It started off supplying software for independent financial advisers, and has developed with an automated quotation finder for insurance and assurance products, and more general IFA outsourcing products. These days about two-thirds

of the revenues from the business are from transactions that Misys does for IFAs. Misys is now developing this further with an Internet insurance product called Screentrade. Customers call it up on their PCs, type in their details and it finds the best car or home insurance deal. It is growing at 30 per cent per month and Misys plans to ex-

pand it to add banking and in-

vestment products. Mr Lomax is keen not to get overexcited about Screentrade. "It's a classic Internet business," he jokes. "It loses money.

Misys's third leg — the irri-tatingly named +Medic — is completely different. Purchased in November 1997 for a total of £580 million, it is almost entirely based in the US, supplying patient, prescrip-tion and office management systems for doctors' practices. This is potentially a massive market, with more than 600,000 physicians working in the US and healthcare representing 14 per cent of the country's annual spending - a higher proportion than any

other leading nation. Of this, about 30 per cent is paid for by the Federal government, although Medicare and Medicaid and the rest is private sector, with most of that paid by insurance schemes or employers. The insurers and

government are trying to control costs, so they want better records of what doctors are spending before they pay the bills. +Medic is one of three leading players supplying the physicians systems.

These are just the sort of market conditions that appeal to Misys - where the customers need to spend money on software because they are being pressed to control costs elsewhere.

The market is not too sure, and marked Misys shares down sharply earlier this year. after a similar run on one of the big US medical groups. Humana.

Indeed there are many in the market only too willing to search out a bear story on Misys. This is because the company has grown largely by acquisition - indeed the original Misys businesses are no longer part of the group, having been sold off as "non-core" last

History indicates that purchasing software companies is not always a successful enterprise. After all, software engineers tend not to be like most other business people, often being motivated by creativity rather than wealth creation. Also there are low barriers to entry in the software market. so companies such as Misys always face the danger of their own employees setting up in

However, as Mr Lomax and many of the team come from outside the software industry, they have a different way of do-

ing things. Misys has a Hanson-style financial reporting bible for all divisional managers to make sure that cash is managed tightly within the group. Rivals say that Misys profit margins are well above what should be expected, but analysts argue that this is because Misys is more professional than most of its rivals.

The Cassandras will continue to worry about Misys, but the group's financial performance speaks for itself.

JASON NISSÉ

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Ladbroke is also believed to

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Scottish unions win concessions in PFI debate

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR has offered concessions on the way that the Private Finance Initiative operares in Scotland to avert a clash with the trade unions in the run-up to the Scottish par-

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The Scottish Trades Union Congress, which begins its annual conference in Glasgow today, yesterday watered down its stance on government policy to bring private money into public services after Gordon Brown promised safeguards

on the pay and working condi-tions of health service employees. The deal could involve allowing unions a role in evaluating bidders seeking to build new hospitals.

The Government is anxious to avoid a rift with the traditionally militant STUC for fear of fuelling support among union members for the Scottish Nationalist Party.

Today Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, will warn the STUC of the economic

dangers of endorsing full in-dependence. He has brought forward his appearance from Thursday when he was originally scheduled to speak. Alex Salmond, the SNP leader, will address a fringe meeting today.

Labour has spent months lobbying union leaders on the dangers for its electoral campaign in Scotland if the STUC conference becomes a platform for the Government's critics.

The PFI — or public/private partnership as Labour now prefers to call it — has long been a controversial issue with unions who complain that job security and conditions are less favourable in private employment than in the public sector. They also believe that while the PFI may be a cheap way to fund public building in the short term, it is an expen-sive one in the long term because the Government faces continued bills from private

Bill Spiers, General Secretary of the STUC, said that while the Scottish union movement was opposed in principle to the PFI, it recognised that there may be a way forward with new frameworks guaranteeing working conditions.

"We have to work as constructively as we can within the realities we are faced with," he said. Anne Middleton. STUC President, said it would be wrong to burden a new Scottish parliament with a huge bill for public building. Labour, however, still faces heavy criticism from union members when the issue is debated on Wednesday. One amendment to a motion oppos-

ing the PFI calls for a moratori-

um on all new projects.

THEY'RE OFF: Sporting Index, the spread betting firm, will today enter the financial spread betting market, pitting it against IG Index and City Index (Dominic Walsh writes).

Financial Spreads, a new company based in the Square Mile, will offer betting on a host of financial markets, including the FTSE 100 and Wall Street as well

as interest rate futures, government bonds, currencies and commodities. Compton Hellyer, centre, and Lindsay McNeile, right, who founded Sporting In-dex seven years ago, have poached six of their eight dealers from IG and City Index. Mr Hellyer, however, insisted he was not trying to damage his competitors. "We hope to expand the cake," he said.

but rather to expand the market and freshen it up." He added: "Activity in financial spread betting has risen by at least 60 per cent in the past 12 months." The launch of Financial Spreads is

aimed at boosting the Sporting Index group's profitability with a view to seeking a flotation or trade sale within five years.

"We're not trying to steal their business

Laura **Ashley** seeks **US** exit By Sarah Cunningham

LAURA ASHLEY, the strug-gling retailer, is attempting to sell its US business, the worstperforming part of the company, in order to appease its

The company has delayed publication of its full-year figures from last week in order to continue talks with its banks. its £50 million borrowing agreement is due to expire at the end of this month.

Laura Ashley is believed to have approached a number of potential buyers of the US business, which is thought to be losing as much as £1 million per month.

The Rev Pat Robertson, the American television evangelist and businessman, has recently joined the board of Laura Áshlev, which is now dominated by managers from MUI, the Malaysian conglomerate

that bailed it out last year. Laura Ashley's annual results have to be released by the end of April, and the company hopes to be able to announce the sale of its US business at the same time. It has already sold some US stores, and has been left with 130 others.

Ann Iverson, a previous chief executive of Laura Ashley, had a policy of opening large stores in US shopping malls, but they have performed particularly poorly.



Surveyor issues reform warning

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

PROPERTY surveyors could be swamped by a wave of litigation as a result of the Government's attempts to speed up the homebuying process, according to a leading reinsurer.

Under government proposals, set to become law next year, homeowners will have to prepare a "buyer's pack" containing a survey and other details of a property before putting it up for sale. This is expected to cost them between £300 and £500.

Although the reform will create a huge business opportunity for surveyors, it will also open them up to legal action from buyers, sellers and mortgage lenders if things go wrong, according to CNA Re, a reinsurer which provides professional indemnity

The company tears a new conveyancing boom could herald a repeat of the late 1980s and early 1990s when insurers ended up paying about £100 million over disputed property valuations. Surveyors' indemnity insurance costs subsequently doubled.

William Green, a vicepresident at CNA Re, said surveyors involved in large residential developments were most at risk. They could face claims from buyers if unreported defects later came to light. Sellers could also launch legal claims against surveyors if they thought an overly critical report had blighted the prospects of a sale.

Fear for small firms | David Lloyd Leisure in pension reform

THE Confederation of British Industry has warned the Government that its plans for stakeholder pensions will place an unreasonable burden on smaller companies (Gavin Lumsden writes).

Stakeholder plans are ex-pected to arrive in 2001. They will be designed to be cheap and flexible in order to encourage an extra eight million people to save for their retirement. Companies that do not run pension schemes for their staff will be obliged to choose a stakeholder plan into which employees can pay. Contributions will be deducted direct from pay by the employer.
The CBI believes that the

government proposals will effectively force smaller employers to act as financial advisers to staff although they lack the skills or experience. The organisation says that people should choose their own stakeholder. It wants the Government to set up a clearing house to which employers could direct payment from employees.

The CBI also opposes plans to require all company pension schemes to have trustees. This would raise costs, it says.

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programme at David Lloyd Leisure, Whitbread's health and fitness club division, has been stepped up with the acquisition of the Crest Sports & Leisure Club at Kidbrooke, southeast London, from the receivers (Dominic Walsh writes). The group has paid an esti-

mated £1.7 million for the club and is planning to spend about £8 million converting it into a fully fledged David Lloyd centre with indoor and outdoor swimming pools and several outdoor tennis courts. The club was repossessed by

after the previous owners ran into financial difficulties. Since then it has been run by BDO Stoy Hayward, which put it up for sale last year through FPD Savills, the property agent. Since Whitbread acquired

David Lloyd Leisure in 1995, for £200 million, the business has been expanded from 13 clubs to 28. In the past year Whitbread has spent about £75 million opening eight new clubs and has a further eight openings in the pipeline over the coming 12 months.

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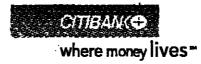
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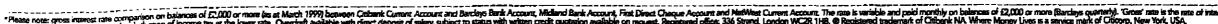
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Who is doing the inflating?

seek it everywhere. They won't find much sign of inflation, though, in today's snapshot of the prices manufacturers are paying for their inputs and receiving for their products, both of which are falling. Even so, tomorrow's retail prices index (RPI) will doubtless still show prices rising. Where this inflation is coming from speaks volumes about the sharp divisions in the modern economy.

In fact, tomorrow's inflation figures will be more than usually confusing. The headline rate is likely to fall sharply to just over 2 per cent, reflecting the effects of mortgage rate reductions, while the rate excluding mortgage interest payments, the so-called underlying rate, or RPIX, which is the measure for which the Government has a target of 25 per cent, is likely to rise sharply to about 2.8 per cent. This reflects the impact of indirect tax increases announced in the Budget. Confused? It gets worse. The measure which excludes indirect taxes, namely RPIY, will probably come in at about 1.7 per cent.

This reveals where a good part of current inflation is coming from, namely the Government itself, in the shape of increases in indirect taxes on road fuel and tobacco, as well

They seek it there, they seek it there. They you lop about 1 per cent off this month's inflation rate. and a good 0.7 per cent in a normal month. According to the European Harmonised Index, UK inflation is even lower - 1.5 per cent in the latest month. A good part of this dif-

ference is due to how you aggregate and average lots of different price changes - in technical parlance, whether you use the arithmetic or geometric mean. (Someone should ask John Prescott to explain the difference at the next Question Time.) But even if you use the more favourable geometric mean, and take out indirect taxes, you still get the result that prices are rising at some I per cent a year. Yet most manufacturers would give their eye teeth to be able to raise prices by I per cent a year. So where is the inflation coming from?

You might think that it is coming from rapacious retailers. Their margins may or may not be high but it is difficult to believe that margin increases are behind the continuing (albeit modest) inflation. Indeed, on average, excluding alcoholic drink and tobacco. the prices of goods sold in the high street are falling. Clothing and footwear prices have been falling by about 2 per cent a year, while leisure goods have been falling even faster. Moreover, surveys of



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retailers' expectations confirm that they expect this trend to continue. Outside the high street, other key prices are falling. Motor cars, that symbol of Sixties affluence and status. are now falling in price.

So where is the inflation? Food prices have been rising a bit, mainly driven by the seasonal component, and household goods have been rising slightly. The real culprits, however, are not goods at all but services. The price of services has been rising at more than 3 per cent a year, even as goods

prices have been falling.

Even here, though, there are big differences within the sector. Some service charges. such as the cost of telephone calls, are falling fast, but things such as sports club memberships or the services of electricians or plumbers. continue to rise. The fundamental reason is the differential scope for productivity

mortgage rates set to bring gains between the sectors. As manufacturing techniques the headline inflation rate improve, productivity can down to about 1 per cent in the summer, and with unemcontinue to rise sharply year ployment likely to rise, the after year. In much of the rate of wage increase should service sector, the scope for increasing productivity has apmoderate further. So service sector inflation may fall later parently been limited, as you this year, allowing overall in-flation, as measured by the unwill discover the next time you have to use a plumber. derlying rate, to fall well be-But recently there has been

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manufacturing sector has

borne the brunt of exposure to sharp international competition. Manufacturers have benefited greatly from the weak prices of commodities which they use as inputs, whereas service activities use relatively little in the way of raw commodities. Yet manufacturers have also had to meet head-on the flood of cheap manufactured goods pouring on to the world market from both advanced industrial countries and the likes of China and Korea - now able to enter the UK at especially attractive prices thanks to the strong pound. By contrast, you do not find many Korean plumbers plying their trade in Upper Snodbury.
Yet I wonder how long this

offer untold possibilities. Perhaps a plumber based sharp dichotomy can contin-ue. The key determinant of in Korea will be able to diagnose the problem with the drains in Upper Snodbury service sector prices is wages even if he will not be able to and salaries, which have been operate the rods himself from rising nicely. It now seems, though, that the rate of increase is falling back. Moreover, with recent reductions in

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cated computer program-ming work and relatively un-

sophisticated ticketing and in-

surance claim processing

But this may be the tip of the iceberg. Remote diagnostics

TELEVISION CHOICE

A tomb reveals its secrets

The Mysteries of the Mummies Channel 4, 8pm

The story of the mummified corpses, dating back up to 3,000 years, discovered on the western desert fringes of China, on the ancient Silk Road linking East and West, is familiar, but this film manages to collate the evidence in a new fashion and makes a convincing case for there having been a civilisation of tall, fair-haired people, almost certainly of Celtic origin, in this area. They seem to have founded cities and traded with the nomadic tribes to the north, with whom they eventually interbred and by whom they were absorbed. Their distinctive weaving skills (the first mrtans and plaids) are now long lost.

Disaster: Atomic Inferno

A dramatic reconstruction of the worst nuclear accident to date in Britain, at the reactor at Windscale in 1957. The potential for a fire in the nuclear pile (rushed into construction to provide us with our own atomic bomb) was virtually designed in, against all conventional wisdom. When the inevitable happened, there were not only no procedures for putting it out safely, but nobody let the local population know about the fallout. As many as 100 deaths are now thought to have resulted. Now, of course, the place is renamed Sellafield and is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the country.

Butterfly Collectors TTV.9pm

Paul Abbott, Hilary Bevan Jones and Jean Stewar are the writer/producer/director team who worked on Cracker. Here, in a two-parter (concluded tomorrow) they collaborate with Pete Postlethwaite as a disillusioned Manchester policeman, caught up in the case of a young man (Jamie Draven) arrested on suspicion of murder. Abbont's screenplay has echoes of Mike Leigh, but the bleak tale, shot through with black and acid humour, goes its own way as Postlethwaite's character

Alison Newman and Pete Postlethwaite star in Butterfly Collectors (ITV, 9pm)

discovers more and more about Draven's circumstances, and is drawn into a situation of. which he realises he knows very little, too late. Draven, Postlethwaite. Alison Newman, Criss Rock and Rachel Davies put in excellent work in a disturbing piece which deserves credit all round.

Channel 4, 9pm

The Learning Tower of Pisa is one of the wonders of the world, the most famous listing listed building, and, as this film reminds us, one of the world's most puzzling phenomena. For eight centuries it has defied gravity and, it would appear, was tilting from the start, since its builders had to incorporate corrections even before it was completed. They were operating beyond the limits of their technology and had chosen a position on silty soil, with a water table just inches below the surface. This is an account of how a present-day committee of experts (all adamantly refusing to accept their colleagues views) almost brought the structure crashing down but, thanks to the sole Briton involved, may now have given Pisa an extra 300 years of tourist revenue by slightly correcting the lean.

Tony Patrick

Charlone Jones has written a sad drama that is as

much a time play as any of J.B. Priestley's, though

Afternoon Play: Future Perfect

Radio 4. 2.15pm

RADIO CHOICE

Performance on 3 Radio 3, 7,30pm

Not all music-makers are in favour of 17th and 18th-century works being played on original instru-ments of the period or on reconstructions of them. And yet controversy has done nothing to diminish the success of the Academy of Ancient Music, the ensemble founded in 1973 by Christopher Hogwood. Tonight's live concert from St John's, Smith Square, celebrates the Academy's 25th season. It's a rerun of a feast of Handel music given 250 years ago in aid of London's Foundling Hospital for orphaned and deprived children. Handel was one of the hospital's most generous benefactors. In tonight's interval (8.10), Hogwood joins a distinguished panel to discuss the 20th-century employment of period instruments.

RADIO 1 (BBC)

6.30am Zoe Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whitey 3.00pm Chris Moyles 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Dave Pearce 8.00 Lamacq Live. The latest sounds 12.00 The Breezeblick 2.00am Cive Warren 4.00 Scott Mills

RADIO 2 (BBC)

6.00em Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wate Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Ed Stawart 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Humphrey Lytetton 8.00 Big Band Special 8.30 Jook Hotland 9.30 Joe Brown; Let II Rock (3/13) 10.30 Lynn Parsons. With educational psychologist Brian Hamson-Jernings and a spokesperson from Childline 12.00 Kalmie Leskanich 3.00am Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 Breakfast. Presented by Victoria Derbyshire and Nick Robinson 9.00 NGAy Campbell 12.00 The Midday News 1.00pm fan Payne 4.00 Drive 7.00 News Extra 7.30 Wembley Winners. Peter Stater looks back at the 1957 FA Cup final between Aston Villa and Manchester United 8.00 Trevor Brooking's Monday Match. Commentary on Assenal's FA Premiership clash with Wirnbledon at Highbury 10.00 Late Night Live **1.00am** Up All Nigh

TALK RADIO

5.00am The Big Boys Breakfast 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Let's Talk Soap 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 4.00 The Sports Zone 7.00 Under the Posts 8.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

6.30am The Breakfast Show 9.30 Mark Forrest 1.00cm Nick

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4.00 Opera in Action with Graeme Kay

5.00 in Tune Sean Rafferty's guests include the opera director Robert Carsen, whose new production of

Handel's Sernele opers tonight

Performance on 3 Live from St John's, Smith
Square, a gala concert celebrating the twenty-lifth
season of the Academy of Ancient Music. Emma
Kirkby, soprano, James Bowman, countertenor,
Anthony Rolfe Johnson, tenor. Peter Harvey,
bantone, Andrew Manze, violin, Choir of New

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excerpts; Concerto grosso in A, Op 6 No 11: Blessed Are They That Consider the Poort 9.55 Postscript: Private View Nicholas Ward Jackson explores the contemporary art world (r)

10.00 Haydn and Bartok Lars Vogt, prano Haydn
(Sonata in G, H XVI 40); Bartok (Three Hungaran
Folk Songs from the Csik District) (r)

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11.30 Jazz Notes with Alyn Shipton
12.00 Through the Night Includes 12.05 Clerambault
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Liszt (Mephisto Waltz No 1) 3.00-4.30 Schools Music Box 3.15 Something to Think About 3.30
The Song Tree 3.45 Stories and Rhymes 4.00
Tales from Europe 4.15 Music for Dance 5.00
Copland (Las agazhadas) 5.20 Trad Swiss, an Scheurer (Aargauerlied) 5.25 MacDowell (Piano Sonata No 2, Op 50, Eroica) 5.50 Corelli (Sonate da Chiesa in B liat major, Op 3 No 3)

6.30 Quote, Unquote Popular quiz, with guests Tom : Baker, Don Black and Germma O'Conner, Chaired

by Nigel Rees
7.00 The Archers The Vicar gets her marching orders
7.15 Front Row Francine Stock reviews Joel

7.15 From How Franche Stock reviews Joel Schumacher's new film 8mm, with Nicolas Cage 7.45 Diary of a Provincial Lady by E M Detailed. The daily journal of a well-organised 1930s housewile. Broardcast as part of Woman's Hour (1) 8.00 An Inspector Calls New series about public safety inspectors, beginning as Jenny Cuffe explores the work of the investigators (1/3) 8.30 Anelysis lan Hardreaues geometries the

explores the work of the investigations (now 8.30 Analysis lan Hargreaves examines the significance of the countryside to the British people Dreaming of Green Pastures 9.00 Spring Watch Nick Baker encounters mountain hares and searches for loads 9.30 Start the Week Broadcast earlier (r) 10.00 The World Tonight Instin Webb presents

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by Jeremy Parman 9.45 (FM) Serial: Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow First of five essays by Jerome K. Jeroma, read by High Laure Hugh Laune

9.45 (LW) Daily Service Director of music David Saint

0.00 Woman's Hour with Martha Keamey and guests.

Hichards traces basingsione s links with the past and discovers why the pig market moved (2/4)
11.30 Full Moon Tipton Pirmsoll (alls in love with Veronica. Third part of P.G. Wodehouse's comic tale, with Giles Havergal and Paul Birchard (3/4)
12.00 (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast
12.00 (FM) News 12.04pm You and Yours With Lot Barday and John Wate.

1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke 1.30 Mastermind General knowledge quiz hosted by

3.45 This Sceptred Isle Anna Massey namates part 76

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4.00 The Food Programme The wine writer Andrew Jefford explores alcohol abuse (r)
4.30 Four Corners with Jane Franch and guests

10.00 The World Tohight Justin Webb presents
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Service of Clouds
Joanna David reads the first part of Susan Hill's new novel

11.00 Late Night on 4: Voyage Part two of Stephen
Barter's rate Natalie considers applying for a
place in Nasa's Mars mission, With Laurel Lehow

11.30 (FM) Crossing Continents Rosie Goldsmith visits the Indian state of Gujarai to meet ship-brokers on the beach at Alang (r) 11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament Round-up of evenis in

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: Biggest Elvis

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An intriguing novel about three Elvis
impersonators working in the Philippines Written
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The bets go on in Russia

George Walker leads a cast of **Britons** staging a comeback in

Moscow, says Jon Ashworth

s the Grand Nation al field thundered home, grimy Russian punters gathered in the litter-strewn surrounds of the Hippodrome racecourse in Moscow. Clutching their betting slips, they watched, mesmerised, as the action unfolded on three giant screens, beamed via satellite from the other side of Europe. Outside, George Walker, Fif-

ties champion boxer and founder of Brent Walker. gazed across the deserted racetrack - an expanse of mud and stunted grass flanked by grim blocks of flats. The place is in disrepair, paint peeling from once elegant walls. However, for Walker, 70, it represents all that is possible on the new frontier. "Move this out." he muttered, gesturing with a rough, calloused hand. "Here comes Brent Cross Two."

The two sides of the Hippodrome - racing by satellite years here, is one of the new

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Two aspects of a changing Moscow: a homeless woman sleeping in a modern bus shelter bearing advertising for cigarettes

and potential shopping centre breed of investors to target the encapsulate the freewheeling spirit that has swept Russia since the old icons fell. Walker, who has spent six

former Soviet Union, However, political and economic uncertainty and an anti-Western backlash over the Balkan cri-

sis make for difficult times. Nato's action has gone down badly. Police guard the paint-splattered US embassy. Sabre-rattling in the Kremlin and faltering steps to impeach President Yeltsin make for a

peculiarly Russian brew. Yet, on first sight, life in Moscow seems anything but fraught. This is a city of boulevards and space, far from the forbidding Iron Curtain image. The crowds strolling in Red Square could be the residents of any Western city. Where are the Russian maliosi, waiting to gun down unsus-

pecting foreigners? Moscow's ambitious mayor. Yuri Luzkhov, has embraced privatisation, sparking a construction boom and opening doors to gambling. Western banks have funded projects ranging from a ring road to shops and offices. The rouble may be worthless, but the evi-

dence is well hidden. Walker recalls: "When I first came here in the early Nineties, the thing that struck me about Moscow was how dark it was. Street after street of black walls, with no lights, no shops. Now, it's London, it's Paris, it's New York. It's just like any major city."

Yet doing business here undoubtedly has its own rules. Russians are sensitive to criticism, and value actions above words. Last August, in the midst of the currency crisis. Walker signed a lease on new offices in downtown Moscow. He says: "When everybody else was getting out. I was coming in. and it's stood me in very good stead. Here, it's a question of who you are and can you perform: can you do what

you say you're going to do?" Russia has proved a stamping ground for UK business names out to start afresh. Sir Rocco Forte, rendered jobless (but rich) in 1996 when Forte fell to Granada, runs two hotels in St Petersburg, including the five-star Astoria. A spokesman says: "Business has been picking up despite the economic situation, but most of our plans are on hold." Other regu-

lar visitors include Kevin Max-

well and his brother lan, con- out of Brent Walker in 1991, his sultants to potential investors. bout with the Serious Fraud Of Karl Johansson, managing fice, from which he emerged bruised but unbowed, left it im-

partner in Ernst & Young in Moscow, says that business dynamics shifted with the rouble crisis. "August was a defining moment. because everyone's hopes and expectations were for a continuing improvement in investment opportunities." he says, "But with the rouble. and a lack of confidence in the Government not honouring its debts, companies are not looking to make major investments, but are rather maintaining what they have."

Johansson agrees that Moscow looks far from depressed. The paradox is that it does not have the appearance one would expect from press coverage." he says. "There have been bank failures, but many people operate outside the



Walker: shopping centre aim

same as in Asia, where there was a lot more social unrest." Johannson sees red tape as an issue - "you have to work to get things done" - but says that many ills of Russian life, such as mob wars, have been overstated. "Moscow, at least personally, is as safe as any city in the US." he says. There is violence, but it tends to be Russian-to-Russian."

of direct investment in Russia. Coca-Cola is putting up to \$800 million (£500 million) into new bottling plants. Johannson says: "There is a lot of potential here, but the structural reforms that are needed — financial, tax and legal - have not occurred at the pace expected. We've got to have a climate that allows for more efficient investment."

sia has been a good bet. Turfed

dubs and casinos, as well as William Hill, the bookmaker. Racing in Russia largely died with the Revolution, leaving an obvious opportunity. Walker bought rights to the satellite signal transmitted from UK racetracks, and installed a few television screens

possible for him to do business

in the UK. "Once you're

charged in England, nobody

will touch you with a barge-

pole," he says. "There was a

big article about Moscow and

what it needed. I was asked:

Walker obliged, and then

turned his attention to off-track

betting, a business he knows

well; Brent Walker embraced

'Can you get us cigarettes?'."

to see what happened. Encourbanking system. It's not the aged, he formed Premier Telesports, backed by George Soros and Edinburgh Fund Managers, and hired Russian ary from a London studio. Tbilisi to St Petersburg tune in

The US is the largest source For Walker, at any rate, Rusthe horses and does.

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that is where the comparison ends because Future Perfect is specifically about tenses (past, present or future). When her husband mysteriously vanishes, Helen (Lesley Vickerage) inadvertently admits that she is suspended in a half-grammatical, halfemotional timbo — the future perfect conditional tense ("If my husband had not disappeared. I would not be feeling so bad"). One day, she hopes. she will graduate to the perfect future tense, without conditions and with no more "ifs". But this will depend on her spouse turning up. A clever little play this, and not half as academic as I have perhaps made it sound. Peter Davalle BBC WORLD SERVICE

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6.00am On Air Petroc Trelawny presents music and arts news, including a review of the concerts in the Endless Parade season
9.00 Masterworks with Peter Hobday. Corelli (Concerto grosso in D, Op 6 No 1); Telemann (Abeogy Vanations, Op 1); Telemann (Overture-Suite in G, Hamburger ebb und fluth)
10.30 Artist of the Week Joan Barewell talks to the soprano Gwyneth Jones about her life
11.00 Sound Stories: Five Great Rilivers Donald Macleod investigates the Rhine
12.00 Composer of the Week: Stanford
1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert Live from Wigmore Hall, London Ysaye Quartet, (Haydin (String Quartet in F, Op 96, American)
2.00 The BBC Orchestrae BBC National Orchestra of Wales. Tippett (Suite in D (A Brithday Suite for Prince Charles); Maw (The World in the Evening); Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in E minor)
4.00 Opera in Action with Graeme Kay

translators to supply comment-Five years on, punters from to action from Newmarket and Derby Lane. Walker has won a licence to set up a tote in Moscow, and hopes to have 500 units installed by late June. In

November, he will launch Russia's first online lottery, using the machines that take bets on Walker insists that he has met no problems with Russian mobsters, although someone once pulled a gun on him in a

dispute over an airline seat. He gets on well with Russians. with his tough East End manner and boxer's physique. "I've never been threatened or intimidated," he says. "I've encountered nothing but friendship." His right-hand man Konstantin Batchkala, was a former rising star in the Communist youth movement. As for Moscow's Hippodrome. Walker is hopeful of re-

peating his success of 25 years ago, when he built the UK's then-biggest shopping centre, Brent Cross, on the site of a greyhound track in North London. He has started selling the idea to Moscow's authorities. A former East End boxer bringing shopping malls to

Moscow? In the new Russia,

anything is possible.

5.00 PM with Clare English and Chris Lowe

Includes Diary of a Provincial Lady

11.00 Mapping the Town The Archaeologist Julian
Richards traces Basingstoke's links with the past

2.00 The Archers Yesterday's edition (r) 2.15 Afternoon Play: Future Perfect by Charlotte Jones. With Lesley Vickerage, Harry Myers and Sandra James Young See Choice

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3.00 Money Box Live: 0870 010 0444 Vincent
Duggleby takes listeners' personal finance quenes

3.30 A Week at the Pitt Rivers New senss. The cartoonist Tim Hunkin is the first of five visitors to reflect on exhibits in Oxford's Pitt Rivers museum

2.45 This Coordinal Table Arms Macrosy Assessed and 78

A tale of one man's fantasy lived to the full

expect the BBC had rejected The History Hour (too short) and The History Period" (wrong connotations) and they already had a "Comedy Zone". "Zone" sounds hip, futuristic, dangerous, and "Two Hours When We Run All Our Historical Series One After Another doesn't hit the spot. So we got "The History Zone".

Why stop there? All the environmental programmes could go in "The Ozone Zone". The History Channel could bung its few programmes which are not about warfare into "The Demilitarised Zone". All those wheel-clamping neighbours from hell could go into ITV's "Residents' Parking Zone".

"The History Zone" is part of the BBC's return to Reithian values, apparently, but I doubt if the canny old Puritan would have been impressed by this scheduleshuffling and slapping on a sexy new label - rearranging the docufall on merit.

fronically, the centrepiece of the first "History Zone" was about a man who changed his name and not only pretended to be, but actually became, something much more interesting than he was in the first place. Grey Owl: The Great White Hoax (BBC2, Friday), the Timewatch biography of this remarkable fantasist, would have been worth watching however it was packaged.

Born in 1888 to a mother who was barely 16 and an alcoholic, bankrupt, absent father, Archie Belaney was brought up by disapproving maiden aunts in Hastings. Obsessed by yarns of "Red Indians" he emigrated to Canada at 17 and headed for the wilderness in search of adventure. His first Native American wife taught him how to fish and trap

beaver. Beaver became a central

mentaries on the *Titanic*, as it part of his life, a fact which could were. Programmes must stand or lead to much puerile ribaldry if this programme is screened in America. He had a natural rapport with animals and could. apparently, "attract a moose". He changed his name to Grey Owl, dyed his skin and, under the influence of his third wife, a Native American called Anahereo, became a proto-ecologist devoted to preserving wildlife.

sked to give a talk in a small town, he became an novernight celebrity and the deception spiralled out of control. with articles, "biographical" books, novels and world lecture tours, including an audience at Buckingham Palace. His neighbours Saskatchewan National Park

complained that he was a boorish

drunkard, and many claimed they

realised he was a phoney. His

story was so outlandish that it

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Paul



should have been ludicrous. But it was actually rather inspiring. His career was a phenomenal feat of "b.s.", as one former Mountie out it, and he awakened worldwide interest in environmental issues. The hoax was exposed when he died of pneumonia, alcohol and overwork, but no one was that bothered. He dreamt big and the world dreamt with him.

Not like the poor creatures on

The Matchmaker (BBC1, Friday). All they want is a wealthy, professional, good-looking, selfreliant, lively, fun, committed partner over 5ft 6in, but under women's size 16, who will cherish them and be that very special person in their life.

You might think it would be easier to dress up in buckskin and attract a moose, but that doesn't stop them applying for member-ship of The Executive Club. This upmarket, elite, exclusive dating agency is for professionals only and strictly no riff-raff.

It was priceless. I can't remember when I last actually enjoyed watching a docusoap. Somewhere along the line the producer/director decided to allow Alun Jenkins, the agency's creator, to do his own narration. This would be a disaster with the professional "characters" in most of these series, but Alun is a very

He is specially oily, specially conceited. manipulative and unaware that he speaks entirely in aspirant lower middle-class clichés. He is also, at 5ft 31/2 in, especially short and therefore especially ineligible to join his own

suspect this is all a hoax and Alun was specially written for television by Alan Ayekhourn or Mike Leigh.

You are like finding a kingfisher with a broken wing." he tells Julie, 47 and getting a bit desperate. Go on, Alun. I bet you tell that to all the girls. (Later we discover that he does.) The first programme was rivetingly ghastly, but I have already seen next week's instalment and it gets much, much worse.

After the acclaim of Holding On and his striking adaptation of Great Expectations, the writer and gloom-monger Tony Marchant is back again with Bad Blood (ITV. Sunday). Desperate to adopt, a wealthy English doctor and his wife go to Romania and find an orphan brought up in the forest, possibly by devil-worshippers. While there the doctor may have acquired a nasty virus and passed it onto one of his private patients in London.

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It is an attempt at contemporary Gothic, playing on our paranoias about blood-borne diseases and our horrified Western guilt about Romanian orphanages. The characters' names echo Bram Stoker's Dracula, and there are unconvincing Hammer horror stick-ons. Baleful wolves pop up everywhere and the doctor gets dive-bombed by an ominous crow.

Yet it was insidiously gripping. Wasn't it the Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band who sang "Bad blood is like an egg-stain on your tie; you can pick it, but it won't go away"? How right they were.

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Parsons hosts as the classic radio quiz comes to TV (T) (1986682) 12.55 The Weather Show (1) (11428180) 1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (41971) 1.30 Regional News; Weather (58866432)

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2.55 Through the Keyhole (r) (T) (2808242) 3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (8245426) 3.45 Bob the Builder (4935890) 3.55 Wildlife (7980987) 4.00 Bodger & Badger (5692074) 4.15 Casper (7182567) 4.35 50/50 (7233971) 5.00 Newsround (5272068) 5.10 Blue Peter (2106567) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (148180)

6.00 Six O'Clock News; Weather (T) (258) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (838)



Des Lynam and Mark Lawrenson join Ally McCoist's team (7pm)

7.00 A Question of Sport: Football Pundits Special Desmond Lynam, Mark Lawrenson, Martin O'Nelll and Trevor Brooking take part in a special edition of the sports quiz (T) (2345)

7.30 The Zoo Keepers Life with the staff and animals of Paignton Zoo (r) (T) (722) 8.00 EastEnders Matthew can't take any more (T) (1093) 8.30 Ground Force Alan Titchmarsh visits a

teenage wheelchair-user's garden to make a racetrack for his radio-controlled cars (r) (T) (7600) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News;

Weather (T) (464093) 9.35 Jailbirds Prison Chaplain reflects on the ironies of her job (10/10) (T) (879180)

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10.05 Panorama (T) (163223) 10.45 Animal Police Steve needs help with an alsatian. Last in series (T) (320971) 11.15 The Morrison Murders (TVM 1996) Premiere. Fact-based murder mystery

Premiere. Fact-based minutes mysely about two young men suspected of cold-bloodedly killing their parents and younger brother. Starring John Corbett and Jonathan Scarle. Directed by Chris Thompson (T) (310529) 12.45em Weather (1104117)

12.50 BBC News 24 (66044391)

WALES 9.30-9.35 Party Election Broadcast (126635)

BBC2 7.00am Children's BBC Breakfast Show: Noddy in Toyland (40242) 7.30 Top Cat (8744797) 7.55 Blue Peter (8165890) 8.20 Dastardly and Muttley (4147513) 8.45 Polka Dot Shorts (3352451) 8.55 Small Stones (1828971) 9.00 Daytime On Two: Isabel (4808109) 9.10 Sportsbank (9347600) 9.30 Numbertime (7253616) 9.45 Storytime (7178971) 10.00 Children's BBC: Teletubbles (91432) 10.30 Daytime On Two: Words and Pictures (3806616) 10.45 Cals' Eyes (3721971) 11.00 Look and Read (1703906) 11.20 Zig Zag (6259277) 11.40 Landmarks (4833529) 12.05pm History File (7386628) 12.30 Working Lunch (48277) 1.00 Juniper Jungle (38008109)

1.10 Snooker: World Championship First-round action, featuring the opening matches of Ken Doherty, Alain Robidoux, Peter Ebdon and James Wattana. sented by David Vine (84182722)

6.00 Hir, Miss or Maybe Zoe Ball and guests review three of the latest pop videos (r) (1) (479838) 6.15 The Simpsons Mr Burns advertises for a son and heir, and it appears that Bart fits the bill (r) (7) (848857)

6.40 Space 1999 Gerry Anderson's sci-fi drama following the adventures of the staff of Moonbase Alpha (r) (T) (842906) 7.30 Local Heroes Adam Hart-Davis gets on his bike to celebrate Mersevside's unsung pioneers, including the Meccano creator Frank Homby and the astronomer Jeremiah Horrocks (r) (T) (364)



Workers trying to create a fire-break inside the power station (8pm)

8.00 CHOICE Disaster John Nettles recounts the events thought to have sparked the 1957 blaze at the

Vindscale nuclear reactor (T) (9635) 8.30 Snooker: World Championship Peter Ebdon plays his match against Matthew Stevens to a finish, white Mark King starts out against Darren Morgan (22686797) 10.33 Video Nation Shorts (1) (413616) 10.35 Newsnight Round-up of the day's

events (T) (233277) 11.25 The Pull of the City New series exploring the rapid expansion of urban life across the world, beginning with Harvey Molotch's survey of New (1/3) (504432) 11.55 Weather (804628) 12.00 Despatch Box (97391)

12.30am BBC Learning Zone: Open University: Composing — George Fenton in Conversation with Trevor Herbert 1.00 in the Market Place 1.30 Church and Mosque: Venice and Islanbul 2.00 Schools: Primary PSHE — Ourselves/ Health 4.00 Languages. Deutsch Plus 5.00 Business and Training: Skills for Work — Customer Care 5.45 Open University. The Chosen People 6.10
Classical Sculpture and the Enlightenment 6.35 The Bathers by Cézanne and Renoir — Modernism and the Nude

HTV WEST

5.30am ITV Morning News (11345) 6.00 GMTV (2700432) 9.25 Trisha (T) (3453703) 10.30 This Morning (T) (49997971) 12.15pm HTV News (T) (7850155) 12.30 ITV Lunchtime News (T) (2554109) 12.55 Shortland Street Martin attempts

damage control (1613987) 1.30 Lie Detector (T) (16940513) 1.55 The Jerry Springer Show Outrageous American talk show (T) (5808971)

2.40 Wheel of Fortune (1) (2804426) 3.10 ITV News Headlines (T) (5678722) 3.15 HTV News (T) (5677093)

3.20 CITV: Maisy (5674906) 3.25 Oggy and the Cockroaches (5664529) 3.35 Rupert (2301548) 4.00 The New Scooby Doo Mysteries (277) 4.30 Polterguests (161) 5.00 Catchphrase (r) (T) (7277) 5.30 WEST: Garden Calendar Horticultural

tips courtesy of gardening experts Alan and Felicity Down (T) (513) 5.30 WALES: House to House A young couple's home in Llanharry (T) (513)

5.58 HTV Weather (733548) 6.00 HTV News (T) (426) 6.25 WALES: Party Election Broadcast By the United Socialists (350364)

6.29 Crimestoppers (350364) 6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather (T) (906) 7.00 Wish You Were Here? A sailing holiday through the Grenadines, Revello on the Amalfi Coast of Italy, an all-inclusive holiday in the Rhodes resort of Lindos and Legoland in Windsor (T) (4513) 7.30 Coronation Street It's crunch time for

Nick and Leanne (T) (890) 8.00 Neighbours From Hell Accounts of neighbourty disputes (r) (T) (6161) 8.30 Cop Shop DS Oliver and his team set out to catch one of the country's most persistent car thieves (6/8) (T) (9068)

9.00 CHOICE Butterfly Collectors First in a two-part psychological thriller with Pete Postlethwaite (1/2) (1) (4161)



Lewis Collins makes an appearance as Doug Digby's father (10.30pm)

10.30 The Grimleys Digby's dastardly dad drops in - Interally (5/6) (1) (21068) 11.00 ITV Nightly News; Weather (T) (875432) 11.20 HTV News and Weather (I) (760161) 11.30 Fitz Part two. Fitz confronts the unbalanced Janice, who has kidnapped

his son (T) (550451) 12.35am Football Extra Football League highlights (6308001) 1.35 World Football (r) (9291136)

2.05 The Night Caller (1965) Sci-fi thriller about alien mutants who about Earth
girls as a means of repopulating their
decimated planet. John Saxon and
Maurice Denham star. Directed by John Gilling (8691778) 3.30 Trisha Shown earlier (r) (T) (74407)

4.30 Soundtrax (83610407) 4.45 ITV Nightscreen (25826488) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (99310)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.20-12.30pm Central News; Weather (9078884)

12.55 Lie Detector (2459600) 1.25 The Jerry Springer Show (4703616) 2.10-2.40 High Road (89776987) 3.15-3.20 Central News: Weather (5677093) 5.30 Shortland Street (513)

6.00-6.30 Central News at Six; Weather 11.20-11.30 Central News; Weather (760161) 3.20am Trisha (2975865) 4.20 Central Jobfinder '99 (2559827) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (9305198)

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Weather (2459600) 1.25 The Jerry Springer Show (4703616) 2.10-2.40 Lie Detector (89776987) 3.15-3.20 Westcountry News; Weather (5677093)

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As HTV West except: 12.14pm Anglia Air Watch (\$161348) 12.15-12.30 Anglia News and Weather (7850155) 5.25 Take it On and Weather (7630135). 5.25 Jake it Off (5971628) 5.29 Anglia Air Watch (5971628) 5.30-6.00 Anglia News Monday Extra; Weather (1) (513) 6.00-6.30 Anglia News (1) (426) 11.19 Anglia Air Watch (384890) 11.20 Anglia News and Weather (1) (760761) 11.30 The Big Match (11242) 12.00-12.35 Taxi

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CHANNEL 4

5.40am Pink Panther (2687987) 5.50 The Magic Roundabout (2077109) 5.55 Sesame Street (r) (5733971)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (37722) 9.00 Schools: The English Programme (7786884) 9.25 Schools at Work (3003345) 9.30 Geography Junction (7175884) 9.45 Book Box (7276567) 10.00 Stage Two Science (1378426) 10.15 People in Society (1464277) 10.30 Place and People (9250242) 10.50 Same Difference (8476155) 11.00 Rat-a-Tat-Tat

(6240529) 11.15 The Mix (6256180) 11.30 Taste of the Times (5/6) (r) (T) (2567) 12.00 Sesame Street (r) (T) (32631) 12.30pm Bewitched (r) (T) (33345) 1.00 Caroline in the City (T) (47109)

1.30 Little Gems Collecting fun (13847180)
1.35 I'll See You in My Dreams (1952)
Musical biography chronicling the life and times of the songwriter Gus Kahn.
Starring Dors Day and Danny Thomas.
Directed by Michael Curbz (T) (81261277)

3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (884) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (819) 4.30 Countdown (T) (7330838)

4.55 Montel Williams (T) (9005971) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (155) 6.00 Roseanne A lovers' triff nearly burns the house down (r) (T) (628)

6.30 Hollyoaks Adam catches Luke and Ruth together (T) (548) 7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (T) (537242)

7.50 New Labour, New Language Examination of the ideas behind the Government's buzz-words (1/5) (1) (255890) CHOICE Mystery of the Mummies A team of anthropologists are given exclusive access to the remains of a lost race of Caucasian people found in



The Leaning Tower of Pisa: will it finally topple? (9pm)

9.00 CHORCE Equinox Investigation into the likely fate of Pisa's famous Leaning Tower (1) (3548)

10.00 Sex, Lies and Videotape (1989) An impotent man, who delights in interview-ing women about sex, has a profound ct on a friend's troubled marriage. Award-winning drama, starring James Spader and Andie MacDowell. Directed by Sleven Soderbergh (T) (393529)

11.55 Smack the Pony (r) (1) (783797) 12.30am And the Beat Goes On Nicholas Spencer's political ambitions jeopardised (4/8) (r) (T) (3467136)

1.35 Dispatches (r) (T) (9299778) 2.05 Powerhouse Political news (7200136) 2.35 The Client (r) (2418594)

3.25 Street Sisters Prostitutes discuss their (ives (99023391) 3.45 Dirty Creatures A youngster and her dog who are kidnapped by a wicked old

man (r) (98551575) 4.00 Schools: Tackling Technology (8161285) 5.15 The English Programme (3029643)

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Videos 7.00 USA High 7.30 Hang Time

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Eleven Days, Eleven Niights (1987) 1.00am Eratic Confessions 1.30 The Late

Lounge 2.00 Merital Law 3.00 FILM:

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CHANNEL 5

6.00am 5 News and Sport (5661093) 7.00 WideWorld Part two Russell Grant reveals how to record events for posterity

(r) (T) (2528109)

7.30 Milkshakel (2316567) 7.35 Muppet Bables (r) (4730180) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (8447513)

8.30 Dappledown Farm (r) (8446884) 9.00 The Roseanne Show (5223722) 9.50 Russell Grant's Postcards (8568155)

9.55 The Bold and the Beautiful (8467074) 10.20 Sunset Beach Ricardo learns that Antonio is back in town (T) (4923635)

11,10 Leeza (3515600) 12.00 5 News at Noon (T) (8440600) 12.30pm Family Affairs Pam learns the case against Simon has been dropped (r) (T);

5 News Update (5792889) 1.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (T) (4581161) 1.50 McMittan and Wife: \$2 on Trouble to Win (1973) Husband-and-wife crime-busters Rock Hudson and Susan St James lackle another perplexing case.

Directed by Bob Lewis (28567068) 3.15 Kisses for My President (1964) Drama about the trais and triumphs of the first female US President. Fred MacMurray and Arlene Dahl star. Directed by Curtis Bernhardt (T) (60044616)

5.20 5 News (59922161) 5.30 100 Per Cent (6818364)

6.00 5 News; Weather Kirsty Young rounds up the day's stories (T) (6815277) 6.30 Family Affairs Pam gets a nuisance call (T): 5 News Update (6806529)

7.00 My Secret New senes introduced by Lauren Booth Two guests reveal amazing secrets to unsuspecting friends and relations (2752513) 7.30 Aussie Birds Brush turkeys and other

big-footed Australian birds that build nesting mounds rather than sitting on their eggs (T); 5 News Update (6722513) 8.00 instant Gardens Jac Flower and Myles Marthews design a garden on leng shuil principles, avoiding straight lines and channelling natural energy in the layout and colour plan (9/14) (T) (2834161)

8.30 Wildlife Police Video footage of salmon poechers in Wales and the activities of acimal liberation activists in Staffordshire who caused chaos by releasing 7,000

mink into the wild (T) (2757068) 9.00 Courtyard (TVM 1995) An architect becomes embroiled in a murder investigation while falling for the victim's sister. Thriller, starring Andrew McCarthy, Madchen Amick, David Packer and

Bonnie Bartlett. Directed by Fred Walton (T): 5 News Update (49959987) 10.55 Dr Fox's Chart Update (6997242) 11.00 The Choirboys (1978) A group of foul-mouthed LA cops go on a senes of wild adventures — but their fun is brought

to an abrupt halt by the accidenta shooting of a gay teenager. Drama, starring Charles Durning. Directed by Robert Aldrich (16562258) 1.15am Live and Dangerous: Ice Hockey
— NHL Todd Macklin and Richard Orford

present action from the clash between Dallas and Colorado (62928448) 4.00 Fedex Championship Series Indycar racing (8400198)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (6532643)

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KY MOVIEMAX 30am The Rockford Files: Godfather 10W8 Best (1996) (71180) 9.00 UHF 989) (58797) 11.00 The Associate 366) (21819) 1.00 The Rockford Files: adfather Knows Best (1996) (52513) 10 UHF (1989) (53567) 5,00 The

Double Man (1967) (47074) 7.00 The Associate (1996) (62432) 9.00 Striptease (1996) (18074) 11.00 Anaconda (1997) (8497) 12.30em Overdrive (1997) (479339) 2.05 L'Appartement (1995) (180010) 4.00 The Girl with Brains in Her Fest (1997) (195488) SKY CINEMA

4.00pm The Fugetive (1947) (7123161) 6.00 Terzen and the Huntress (1947) (7346258) 7.30 Greetest Show On Earth (1922) (954068) 10.00 First Deadly Sh (1980) (3780426) 11.55 The Left-Handed Gun (1958) (7900093) 1.40em Advise and Consent (1962) (50580285) 4.00 Sylvia Scarlett (1935) (3854943) FILMFOUR

8.00pm The Scent of Green Papaye (1993) (8180426) 8.00 in the Blesk Midwinter (1995) (33998987) 9.45 Butler (2816800) 10.00 Pater's Friends (1982) (8311835) 11.45 The Externitating Angel (1982) (5948190) 1.15em Baile de Jour (1987) (916243) 2.55 Angelt (1994) (7779285) 4.45 Killer's Kiss (1985) (5196391) 6.00 Close TNT

9.00pm Showani Junction (1956) (93161529) 11.00 Butterfield Eight (1980) (99198600) 1.15am Demon Seed (1977) (71877020) 3.00 Showani (71877020) 3.00 Shows ion (1955) (84324865) 5.00 Close

SKY SPORTS 1 7.00am FA Cup 8.00 Scottish FA Cup 7.00cm FA Cup 8.00 Sodosh FA Cup 11.00 League Review 12.00 Aerobics 12.30pm What a Weekend 1.00 Football Special 2.00 Spanish Football 4.00 V-Mex 4.30 Powerboat and Jestsport World 5.00 Ten Pin Bowling 6.00 Sports Centre 6.30 What a Weekend 7.00 Live Monday Night Football 10.15 Sports Centre 10.30 You're Poorball 10.15 Sports Cartre 10.30 You're On Sky Sports! 11.15 Football League Review 12.15am Sports Centre 12.30 You're On Sky Sports! 1.15 Monday Night Football 3.15 Football League Review 4.15 Sports Centre 4.30 Close

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12.00em Karsie 12.30pm V-Maa 1.00 Motorcycling 3.00 Total Sport 3.30 NFL Europe 5.30 Fish TV 8.00 Rugby Union 8.00 International Bows 10.00 Wonderful World of Golf 11.00 Golden Age of Motor Racing: A to Z of Motor Sport 11.30 Close EUROSPORT 7.30em Cycling 8.30 Marathon 8.30 Live Tennis 5.00pm Live Marathon 7.30 Weightifting 10.00 Footbell 11.30 Mororcycling 12.30em Close

UK GOLD 7.00am Crossroeds 7.30 Neighbours 7.55
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A fine ensemble cast gets together in Kenneth's Branagh's touching comedy drama Peter's Friends (FilmFour, 10pm)

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EU tax threat to eurobonds remains unresolved

By ROBERT LEA

THE City's trillion-pound eurobond industry is becoming increasingly edgy over its future, after a meeting of European finance ministers at the weekend closed with a conclusion to the thorny issue of withholding tax no nearer.

While Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, attempted to strike an upbeat note after the Ecofin meeting in Dresden, British officials admit-

ted: "We are an extremely long way away from finding a working def-inition which would be acceptable

Mr Brown said after the meeting: "We have always said we will do everything to advance the eurobond market in the United Kingdom and that we will not agree to any directive that imposes a withholding tax on Britain. What is interesting in the last few weeks is that there is a growing understanding of the British position — that we tax on interest income on bank acare both determined and right in what we are doing."

Meanwhile, Mario Monti, the outgoing European Tax Commissioner, said: "The crucial new element was that many member states have said they are in favour of working towards a specific solution for eurobonds."

What is at issue is a draft EU directive on investments which would put a minimum 20 per cent counts or securities held within the EU by EU residents.

Such a tax would hobble the City of London as the pre-eminent market in eurobonds and would hit tens of thousands of jobs in the Square Mile. The business is likely to migrate rapidly to Switzerland.

The failure to announce any developments on the issue is already taking its toll of the market, according to Tim Dickenson, spokesman for the International Securities Market Association.

There are signs that investors are beginning to insist that |bond| issuers appoint paying agents that are outside of the EU," said Mr Dickenson. "The continued uncertainty means that it is highly likely that that trend will continue."

Having a paying agent — the bank through which the coupon, or interest, on a bond is paid - located offshore or in Switzerland could ensure that if the withholding tax directive comes in, those particular bonds would remain exempt.

City leaders are privately arguing that the lack of news out of Dresden is because there is a genuine impasse over a tax which on the one hand Britain and Luxemburg implacably oppose and which on the other hand could be riddled with loopholes if concessions are

granted. After the Ecofin meeting, Luc Frieden, Luxembourg's Budget Minister, said: "There was no agreement within the Ecofin, either to exclude eurobonds or to affirm that there had been an agreement to exclude a certain number of

eurobonds." Treasury officials were unable to confirm what status the discussions on withholding tax would have at next month's Ecofin meeting.

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City bets on counter-bid for Asda

By Sarah Cunningham, retail correspondent

CTTY investors who were busy late on Friday betting on Kingfisher's agreed offer for Asda flushing out a high-er takeover bidder are likely to learn quickly whether they have bet wisely.

Asda's share price shot to 4 per cent above the value of kingfisher's all-share agreed offer on Friday on expectations of a counter-bid. Other potential bidders have been identified as Wal-Mart of the US. Carrefour of France or Ahold of The Netherlands, but it is believed that they will have to come forward sooner rather than later.

Asda and Kingfisher publish the details of the deal, which they are billing as a merger, today and they hope to have it completed by the end

Kingfisher insiders were irritated that the deal was being interpreted as Asda being sold on the cheap. Before Asda's price rose on Friday, and Kingfisher's fell, the deal offered a 12.2 per cent premium to Asda shareholders.

"There had to be a premium because Asda's share price had been depressed by the Competition Commission referral linto trading in the whole supermarket sector]." said one insider.

"We had to agree terms that reflect the real value of Asda. so it could not be nil premium. But the idea is that Asda shareholders will be investing in the future growth of the enlarged

Kingfisher and Asda will today seek to persuade the City that the reasons for the merger are compelling. Growth would initially come from such changes as putting Asda's George-branded clothing into high street branches of Woolworth's, which is part of Kingfisher. Goods from other Kingfisher chains, such as Comet, B&Q and Superdrug will begin to be sold in branch-Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, who

Kingfisher, and Allan Leighton, who is chief executive of Asda and will be Sir Geoffrey's deputy, will also argue that the merged company would have better leverage with suppliers, which should lead to about £100 million of synergy benefits. Because there is little overlap, cost savings would be much less, at

will remain chief executive of

about £40 million to £60 million. The enlarged group's strong balance sheet and cashflow should allow Kingfisher to continue the expansion of its electrical and DIY arms in Europe.

The deal could also allow Kingfisher to go further with its Big W out-of-town stores.

The stores, the first of which is to be opened soon near Edinburgh, are intended to be effectively very large branches of Woolworth's but which also sell goods from Cornet, B&Q and Superdrug.

Although the intention has

been to put in adult clothing and fast food from outside companies. George clothing and Asda food could be incorporated to create the nearest thing in Britain to a Wal-Mart store. Wal-Mart's highly succesful formula has made it the largest retailer in the world.

In the longer run, Kingfisher would hope to export Big Wstyle stores to emerging mar-kets. Tesco. the UK market leader, is opening hypermar-kets in Eastern Europe, Thailand and South Korea. It is ex-pected to open up in Malaysia and Taiwan soon. Wal-Mart and Carrefour, Ahold and a number of other continental ave also been busi ly opening hypermarkets in the Third World.

WITH less than two weeks to go to enter the Entrepreneur of the Year competition, a pan-el of experts from The Times

and Ernst & Young has adju-

dicated on who is the Entre-

From Cosimo de Medici to

Bill Gates, from Henry Ford

to Richard Arkwright, 15 entre-

preneurs in all were assessed.

The winner is Li Ka-shing, a Hong Kong serial entrepreneur and creator of three busi-

ness empires. An entrepre-

neur with no advantage in life

but his wits, he was born in a

troubled China in 1928, ar-

rived in Hong Kong at II and left school soon after. Making

plastic toys won him fame property speculation brought

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controlled companies. Hong

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Li Ka-shing is

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A model parading Virgin fashion for a Selfridges campaign to boost designer fashion sales

Designs on lifting fashion sales at Selfridges

By Sarah Cunningham

SELFRIDGES is attempting to boost sales of its designer clothing with a series of catwalk shows to be held this week at its London and Man-

chester stores.

Models wearing the spring/ summer collections from Versace V/2, Virgin. Miu Miu. Clements Ribeiro. Joseph and Ronit Zilkha, among others. will be on parade.

Selfridges has said that sales at its Oxford Street store picked up sharply in February and March. Like-for-like growth was up 6 per cent on a year earlier, and total sales growth was 13 per cent. including the reopening of some re-furbished areas of the store. Manchester, which opened for business at Trafford Park last year, was also reported to be trading well.
Whether other retailers' ef-

forts to spur trade after a dreadful winter season have begun to pay off should be-come evident on Thursday, when the official March retail sales figures are published. Indications for March from British Retail Consortium sales data and the CBI distributive trades survey were positive.

On Tuesday, the retail price index figures for March are to be published. HSBC Securities thinks that retailers have been attempting to rebuild margins after cutting prices hard at the turn of the year in a desperate attempt to boost this is likely to be offset by the recent cuts in mortgate rates.

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Bidding battle likely for **First** Choice

By DOMINIC WALSH

FIRST CHOICE HOLIDAYS, which last month unveiled a £1.5 billion merger with Kuoni of Switzerland, could find itself at the centre of a bidding war involving Europe's biggest tour operators.

In recent days, speculation has been mounting that Airtours is preparing to gatecrash the Kuoni merger by launching a hostile all-share counterbid worth 220p-230p a share.

However, there were indications last night that both Thomson Travel Group, the UK's market leader, and Preussag of Germany, which controls Thomas Cook, were considering how to block the expected move from David Crossland, the Airtours chairman. Preussag, which through Thomas Cook holds 14 per cent of First Choice, could launch a bid, although

Thomson would face huge

competition hurdles. Ian Clubb, First Choice chairman, yesterday cautioned: "It seems improbable to me that the major Airtours competitors would be happy to let David Crossland proceed 🦣 without themselves considering bidding as well, and that's before taking account of the substantial regulatory issues." He said that a bid would represent a reckless gamble" for Mr Crossland as it would

Choice during its crucial sum-Airtours, which failed in an attempt to buy First Choice in 1993. declined to comment.

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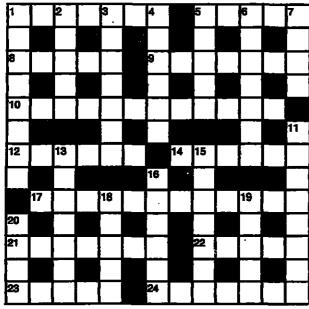
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Church to unload BAe





Composer can call the tune

Lord Lloyd-Webber, the com-poser, has taken 100 per cent control of Really Useful, his theatrical production and copy-right holding business, buying the 30 per cent that he did not own from Universal Music for

\$75 million (£46 million). As Andrew Lloyd Webber, he floated Really Useful in the 1980s, but he took it private at the end of the decade with the help of PolyGram, which paid \$110 million for the stake. It came under the control of Universal after Seagram bought PolyGram last year.

Rankin post

Sir Alick Rankin, former chairman of Scottish & Newcastle and of General Accident, has emerged as the senior non-executive director at the soon-to-be floated Anglo American. Sir Alick will be deputy chairman of the South African mining com-pany when it lists in London.

KKR in frame

Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the US buyout specialist, is emerging as favourite to buy Astra-Zeneca's specialty chemicals business for about £1.6 billion. Zeneca put the business up for sale last autumn before the

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BY OUR CITY STAFF

THE Church of England is to dump, for ethical reasons, more than two million shares that it will hold in British Aerospace after the completion of its purchase of GEC's Marconi

Electronics Systems division. The Church's investment policy prevents it buying shares in companies with weapons as a "major" part of their

business. But it will end up with a chunk of Britain's biggest arms company when the Marconi deal is clinched. Under the terms of the deal, GEC investors will receive 42 BAe shares for every 100 GEC shares they own. The Church has nearly 5.5 million GEC shares worth £25 million.

Arun Kataria, spokesman

for the Church Commissioners,

ly an armaments company and a very great deal of what it produces is directly aggressive." BAe is the manufacturer of Tornado bombers and Harrier jump jets currently seeing action in the Balkans.

GEC on the other hard, he said, was "a broadly based manufacturing company that gradually increased its production of military equipment, much of said: "BAe is pretty well entire- which is broadly defensive".

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